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Editorials

(1) The Farm Puzzle and Republicans.

WORCESTER, MASS., TELEGRAM. R. 12/20/35. * * * The difficulties of finding a substitute for the A.A.A. are not to be minimized. Yet there are certain objections to the A.A.A. which are so serious that the Republicans cannot wisely consider endorsing this particular part of the New Deal. The A.A.A. through its bounties for crop restrictions--according to competent economists--means danger of underproduction. It admittedly means additional expense in the administrative part of Government. It plainly means a much more detailed governmental regulation of agriculture than believers in freedom and individual initiative like to contemplate. * * * (12906*)

(2) The Unsolved Surplus Problem.

DALLAS, TEX., TIMES HERALD. IR. 12/20/35. Secretary Wallace and other officials of the A.A.A. will, undoubtedly, confirm the report of the United States Chamber of Commerce which says that the crop surplus problem in the United States has not been permanently solved. * * * * * (12911*)

(3) The Pepper Plea.

OMAHA, NEBR., WORLD HERALD. I. 12/11/35. * * * However close an analogy we may find between the processing tax and the tariff tax, however ethically sound the argument that agriculture is entitled to equal protection with mechanical industry, we are bound to recognize that there are complications connected with granting the one which do not exist with respect to the other. The farmer, and with him the agricultural west, can only hope that Court does not find those complications a complete bar to effecting the purpose aimed at. (12355*)

(4) The A.A.A. and Food Manufacturers.

NEW YORK, N. Y., JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 12/13/35. * * * The food manufacturing industry has generally been adversely affected by the A.A.A. * * * The food manufacturing industry is, of course, desirous of avoiding any new demoralization of agricultural prices. * * * A continuation of a rational agricultural control program designed to effect a gradual expansion in output at slowly declining prices, without processing taxes, is the objective for agricultural control that would probably receive most extensive support among processors of food products. (12365*)

Editorials - Pro

(1) Why Not Stick To The Facts?

DALLAS, TEX., FARM AND RANCH. 12/1/35/ * * * Certain public speakers and a part of the daily press have assiduously and persistently attempted to mislead the public relative to the export situation and the policy of the Administration as related thereto. They would have the public believe that it is the declared policy of the Administration to limit production to domestic demand--to isolate this country, economically, from the remainder of the world. These speakers and these editorial writers have every available source of information at their command, and nowhere in any of the public utterances or writings of men associated with the Administration can they point to a single word or line that would justify them in such an assumption. * * * Empty warehouses and elevators at our ports are not pleasing sights, but should farmers attempt to fill them at a loss to themselves? Should agriculture impoverish itself with a vain hope that Europe will find the money to buy at prices below cost? Europe was unable to do it a few years ago, and it is not likely that Europe will buy at any price any more until it becomes necessary. We may not expect a sharp increase in foreign exports until the world trend is away from economic nationalism, and that goes for the United States as well. (12337*)

(2) North Carolina's Share.

RALEIGH, N. C., NEWS & OBSERVER. D. 12/21/35. This year the Southern Farmer pocketed almost twice as much money as he did in the dark days of the last year of the Hoover administration. The difference between the two years, Hoover's 1932 and Roosevelt's 1935, was \$731,146,000 more for the farmers of the South. * * * (12897*)

(3) Revolt in the Corn Belt?

OMAHA, NEBR., WORLD HERALD. I. 12/19/35. * * * The wrongs suffered by agriculture in an economy of corporate and tariff-protected industry are real. They do not admit of dismissal because the effort to right them may meet defeat at some point in its program. If the objective cannot be attained in one way, it must be attained in another. The reassuring thing to the corn belt is the extreme importance which politicians generally attach to the agricultural question. The existence of the problem is admitted on all sides, and the necessity of grappling with it. It is true there was political recognition of the problem for a long time before anything was done about it. But now that something substantial has been done, and that it has become a matter of violent controversy in which the initial premises are generally admitted, through some device or other. * * One of the achievements of the A.A.A. has been the degree of farmer solidarity which it has rallied. This is as yet hardly comparable to the degree of industrial solidarity which supports the tariff, but it approaches it. So long as the farmers continue to display so active an interest in their own tariff, it will not become a forgotten subject. (12913*)

Editorials Pro, Cont'd. A. A. A. - AGRICULTURE GENERAL

(1) Corn Belt Now Seeks Alternative to A.A.A.

NEW YORK, N.Y. TIMES. ID 12/15/35. (By Roland M. Jones, Omaha, Nebr., Dec. 13.) * * * Corn Belt critics of the A.A.A. are rather put to it to make a coherent and consistent case, and remain in good standing with the farmer. * * * The result is that hardly anybody thinks about jumping on the A.A.A. without having at least the outline of something which will be presumably better. The trouble with selling one of these better schemes to the farmer is that they are mostly of political origin, whereas the A. A.A., was primarily of farmer origin. (12380*)

(2) Control of Production is Vital to South.

MEMPHIS, TENN., COMMERCIAL APPEAL. D. 12/15/35. Regardless of what the Supreme Court of the United States does to the A.A.A. and the Bankhead Act, the policy of Government aid for agriculture is definitely set. Such aid through the medium of the processing tax may be discontinued. It may take the form of a direct grant from the treasury, or the earmarking of tariff revenues. But that there will be some kind of subsidy and that it will stand as a permanent aid admits of no doubt. * * * (12916*)

(3) Results.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, PLAIN DEALER. ID. 12/10/35. President Roosevelt's address to the American Farm Bureau Federation will not please irreconcilables who can see no possible good in any program of planned economy. But it is an effective and forceful summary of what has been accomplished in three years of effort to pull American agriculture out of the mire. * * * * (12358*)

(4) Too Much Expected of Farmers.

DALLAS, TEX., FARM & RANCH. 12/1/35. * * * None of us will live to see the day when the necessities of life are so distributed as to meet the needs of everybody. But why should farmers be assigned the burden of taking care of the impoverished by producing at a loss? * * * There are thousands of farmers and others who are in need of shoes, clothing, and other wearing apparel; who need rugs, household equipment, new implements; paint and many other products of industry. Will manufacturers produce these goods at a loss, and will transportation companies deliver them to farmers on the same basis? Farmers are asked to produce surpluses in order that others may have profitable employment. Why not reverse the procedure and give farmers a break? (12327*)

(5) Farmers Better Off.

EL PASO, TEX., TIMES. D. 12/17/35. Farmers now are better off than they have been at any time since the beginning of THEIR depression. Their depression began immediately after the end of the World War. * * * (12902*)

(1) Substitute for A.A.A.?

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., JOURNAL-SENTINEL. ID. 12/22/35. * * * Subsidies, export debentures, etc., all head up in the Government and represent either direct or indirect Federal control. The issue is clearly the question as to whether the Government shall help the farmer or let him dig out his own row, and the Republican party, whatever its plan, cannot propose Government help for the farmer without bowing in the presence of the A.A.A. (12912*)

(2) Are Farmers on a Dole?

DALLAS, TEX., FARM & RANCH. 11/15/35. * * * The majority of the farmers of this country seem to have made up their minds that they are entitled to protection on the domestically consumed portion of their products just as long as industry receives protection. When industry becomes less dependent upon protection, no doubt agriculture will fall in line. No class of producers will more enthusiastically welcome a return of conditions which will remove all restrictions on production than will the farmers of this country. (12335*)

(3) Permanent.

RALEIGH, N. C., NEWS & OBSERVER. D. 11/23/35. * * * If business really wishes to end the program of Government support for agriculture, then it must propose an end to all Governmental activity in support of any interest. Either the A.A.A. program must be continued for agriculture's benefit beside the tariff system which is maintained for industry's benefit, or both must go out together. (12345*)

(4) Business, Industry, and the A.A.A.

ABERDEEN, S. DAK., DAKOTA FARMER. 11/9/35. * * * If I correctly sense general business attitude toward the Act, there is the feeling that it has been of invaluable helpfulness in a desperate emergency and that its fundamentals will be carried into a permanently helpful operation--helpful to Agriculture and consequently helpful to Business and Industry. * * * Politicians who have looked to the A.A.A. as a political or campaign issue, are, in my opinion, riding to a fall. With all its faults, and there are many, it has proven helpful. It will be revised, improved and remain "the law of the land." From it will spring legalized recognition of the necessities and rights of agriculture. Business and Industry is not, cannot, be opposed to this, because the success, the very life, of Agriculture, Business and Industry are interdependent. (12333*)

(5) History in the Making.

MIAMI, FLA., NEWS. D. 12/13/35. * * * There are peaceful ways to insure to agriculture, even if the A.A.A. should not stand, its right to equality before the "tariff" law. (12914*)

(1) Sales Are Increasing.

LINCOLN, NEBR., STAR. I. 12/2/35. * * * The sustained increase in industrial activity has spread more confidence in coming developments, as the durable goods division continues to display the greatest vigor. It might be added that the improved condition now occupied by agriculture has had no little part in bringing about the better situation in which all lines of business now find themselves. The millions of dollars that have come and are continuing to come into Nebraska and other agricultural states are rapidly finding their way into the channels of trade and are stimulating business all along the line. * * * Private industry may never be able to absorb all those who are able and willing to work, but it is coming nearer to that goal every day, and the entire upward tendency has its inception in the placing of agriculture in the most favorable position it has occupied for many years. (12343*)

(2) A Mounting Farm Income.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., TRIBUNE. R. 12/17/35. The cash income of Minnesota farmers, in common with that of farmers throughout the country, continues to climb to higher levels. * * * That there is still room for improvement in the general level of farm income is obvious enough, but the almost uninterrupted climb from the lows of 1932 is encouraging evidence that steady progress toward a more equitable distribution of income is being made. (12908*)

(3) Regimentation and the A.A.A.

ILLINOIS AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION RECORD. 11/1935. * * * "Production and price control are inherently a part of the American economic system. If American agriculture is to avoid becoming impoverished it too must put into effect intelligent adjustment of crop production to the demand of markets at profitable price levels. Agricultural adjustment merely applies principles to the production of crops long recognized as essential to successful business and industry." (12338*)

Editorials - Con

(4) In Today's News.

MIAMI, FLA., HERALD. ID. 12/5/35. * * * Cotton manufacturers assailed the processing taxes as invasion of state rights, as doctrines of Alexander Hamilton, as a "gigantic combination in restraint of production." Which is true. Beet growers filed paper upholding the law as giving agriculture the same aid as the tariff does industry. It may give aid, but it is not the same as the tariff. The latter is protection to encourage home production. The other would end or curtail production. (12328*)

(1) Wallace On Industry.

CHICAGO, ILL., JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 12/12/35. Because Secretary Wallace's farmers--and that means every one of them in the A.A.A. regiment--have been for years so eager to keep up the production pace and still seem to be, according to him, despite A.A.A.'s curtailment, he berates industry for keeping its production to what he calls a low level. * * * What Mr. Wallace appears to be driving at in his annual report is the suggestion--hidden though it be--that industry take on the same kind of a yoke that agriculture carries. He should reflect that even agriculture's production-control yoke has not yet been proved constitutional and that the control yoke which was put on industry, NRA, proved unequivocally unconstitutional. The two, agriculture and industry, are not at all alike, however much "moderns" like Mr. Wallace may strive for "parity" between them as "industries". (12381*)

(2) Moscow's His Destination.

CHICAGO, ILL., DAILY TRIBUNE. IR. 12/12/35. Mr. Wallace's ideas for the future of American agriculture are contained in the report of his department to the President. * * * It is to be remembered that Mr. Tugwell's planned society is the true McCoy and it is the most comprehensive. When Mr. Wallace in his report says that a planned agriculture requires a planned industrial structure Mr. Tugwell is talking. Tugwell is more an industrialist than an agriculturalist and more concerned with the management of capital in industries than he is with its management in farming. * * * Mr. Wallace describes his scheme of quota farming as purely voluntary. * * * There is no halfway station on the road to Moscow. If nothing but Mr. Tugwell's plan will work, then nothing but Stalin's methods will work it. When hard pressed by failure both Mr. Wallace and Mr. Tugwell would probably say so. It must be remembered that while the political New Dealers are talking politics, the real brain cells are still planning plans. (12367*)

(3) As Mr. Roosevelt Slips.

NEW YORK, N. Y., HERALD TRIBUNE. IR. 12/10/35. It was a more timorous--and a more boastful--Mr. Roosevelt who spoke before the Farm Bureau in Chicago yesterday than the man who ten days ago addressed the citizens of Atlanta. * * * As usual, he pictured himself as the friend of all the world--except the bankers and big business men. * * * He failed to point out, however, that the only logical cure for the unwanted vagaries of nature was not crop control such as the farmers are being forced to practice under his Administration, but rather regimentation of the weather and of plant pests. * * * He discreetly avoided all mention of the potato-control law, which carries his A.A.A. program to its logical conclusion. In justice to Mr. Roosevelt it may be said that for him to be more specific about the achievements of his farm program would be difficult unless he were willing to put campaign material in the hands of his political enemies. * * * (12385*)

(1) Fear Any Tinkering.

BOISE, IDAHO, DAILY STATESMAN. R. 11/24/35. (Blackfoot Bulletin)
* * * Tinkering with the Constitution, whether it has for its objective clipping the powers of the Supreme Court or any other move, is not popular among the rank and file of the people. The fact of the matter is that most people are afraid of tinkerers. (12342*)

(2) Government by Gyp.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF., CHRONICLE. R. 12/17/35. * * * The Administration is holding up, and, for all practical purposes, nullifying the explicity provisions of the utilities holding company act "pending judicial determination of the law." At the same moment the Administration tries to keep on collecting A.A.A. processing taxes, though that law is now up for judicial determination. The difference is that if the processers win against the A.A.A. law they will have no way to get back the taxes already paid. The Administration wants to beat them out of their money even though the courts decide the tax was taken unlawfully. This is government by gyp. * * * (12899*)

(3) Santa Claus in Washington.

ERIE, PA., TIMES. R. 12/21/35. All of the money-makers are not corporation heads. Some of them, it seems, are "farmers" whose holdings are so large that their allotment checks from the government run into big figures. The bigger the landowner, whether he be Dixie cotton planter or Western grain grower, the more ardent his faith in the crop curtailment policies of the A.A.A. It is dollars in his pocket, and the industrial consumer can eat cake if he cannot get bread. * * * (12900*)

(4) The New Dealer An Expensive Luxury.

ENID, OKLA., NEWS. R. 12/15/35. * * * If the Federal Government were permitted to use its taxing power as now attempted in the Bankhead Act, it could control the production of all industries in the states, destroy their commerce with the people in other states, and arrogate to itself the last vestige of states' rights. * * * While the Supreme Court will make short shrift of such demagoguery, it cannot reestablish the thousands of homeless tenants and small cotton growers. Neither can it make good the millions of tax monies wasted in Don Quixote attempts to save the country and to court popularity. When you come to count the cost, the new dealer is the most expensive luxury this country has indulged in, in all its history. (12907*)

(1) Bankhead Law.

BALTIMORE, MD., SUN. ID. 12/14/35. The eagerness with which the Administration is seeking Supreme Court verdicts on those of its enactments that are under legal drum-fire is understandable. It would not be comforting to face the electorate next November with the fate of these innovations still in doubt, or before Congress had time to make readjustments to meet decisions of that tribunal. * * * (12351*)

(2) Selling Out the Farmer.

TOPEKA, KANSAS, CAPITAL. R. 11/19/35. The administration's reciprocal trade deal with Canada, opens the American farmer's A.A.A.-guaranteed home market to world competition. What he gets in return, apparently is a chance to buy Canada lumber at a somewhat lower price. * * * Washington has again traded off our 32 million farmers in favor of the industrial East. * * * (12332*)

(3) Mr. Roosevelt Defends by Assailing Foes' Motives.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF., CHRONICLE. R. 12/10/35. Mr. Roosevelt paints a roseate picture of the condition of the farmer. In that age before history began, two and a half years ago, their purchasing power, he says, was less than 50 per cent of the standard he takes as normal. * * * What began then, if anything was not the cooperation, but the attempt to regiment it, by decree of the President and his agents. Most of those decrees have since been invalidated by the Supreme Court and the rest are on the way out. When they are all gone, American "cooperation" will not have ended, and the American people will perhaps have "learned" to make it even more "effective," because it will also be free, to be done by the cooperators instead of imposed by the bureaucracy. (12374*)

(4) Speaking to Farmers.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., JOURNAL. I. 12/10/35. President Roosevelt errs when he tells the farmers, as he did at Chicago in his address to the American Farm Bureau Federation that the Administration's agricultural aid program is opposed chiefly by "political profiteers." It is a mistaken notion that, as the President says, "it is they and their henchmen who are doing their best to foment city people against the farmers and the farm program." There can be no question, of course, that the type of persons to whom Mr. Roosevelt refers are in opposition to the farm program. But the chief criticism, it seems to us, has steadily come from various groups, including men prominent in agricultural life in the Middle West, who firmly dislike the basic concepts on which the A.A.A. legislation rests. * * * (12360*)

(1) A Subsidy for Inefficiency?

KANSAS CITY, MO., IMPLEMENT & TRACTOR. 11/16/35. * * * Under the present A.A.A., the inefficient contract-signers share equally with the efficient in the distribution of rentals, benefits, etc. * * * That an acre of corn can be produced for less than seven dollars has been proven by the practical experiences of several thousand successful farmers. The average cost for the United States is almost sixteen dollars, which naturally means that costs for many are much higher. Is it fair to expect the public to subsidize inefficiency, thus perpetuating present conditions and precluding any advance toward economic self-support? * * * (12339*)

(2) Try To Figure It Out.

CHICAGO, ILL., JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 11/19/35. Since March, 1933, the keystone of the arch of Mr. Roosevelt's economic policy has been to raise prices. Higher prices were the objective of gold devaluation, of the A.A.A., of the NRA--of money-rate policies as well. Only a few weeks ago in the West the farmers were reassured that no matter what happened to the A.A.A. in the Supreme Court the Government would see to it in some way that prices would be maintained. Within a twinkling comes a pact with Canada to lower duties on both sides of the tariff wall. What is the object of lowered duties? One would certainly say--to make goods move both ways across the border. This cannot help but mean that the ultimate cost of goods to consumers on both sides is to be less. * * * (12330*)

(3) Opponents of A.A.A.

PROVIDENCE, R.I., JOURNAL. I. 12/12/35. Secretary Wallace never misses an opportunity in his public addresses of late to try to impress on farmers an idea that the industrial groups of the Nation are the only opponents of the A.A.A. * * * Yet the Secretary of Agriculture certainly cannot be oblivious to the fact that a very great deal of opposition to "the processing taxes and the adjustment program" is being evidenced in the Middle West and the South. And that, too, by farmers who are astute and intelligent enough to perceive that, in the long run, these taxes and this program will be a handicap rather than an advantage to their business. * * * Mr. Wallace uses the unhappy situation in which the A.A.A. today finds itself as an excuse for indulging in a tirade against manufacturers and for arraying class against class. His attack raises the suspicion in some minds that politics in the agricultural situation are now engaging the Secretary's mind to the exclusion of the economics of that situation. (12378*)

(4) The Cost of Living.

BANGOR, ME., NEWS. I. 12/10/35. * * * The Federal Government is largely responsible for the gain in food prices. The A.A.A. has blamed the drought, but the destruction of crops and meat animals has been costly, not only in living expenses of the people, but in the heavy loss of food exports, and in the great increase in food imports. (12366*)

News Columns

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(1) Industry to Aid in Farm Plank.

DES MOINES, Ia., REGISTER. IR. 12/19/35. (Washington, D. C.) Inclusion of eastern industrialists sympathetic to agriculture in the Republican group seeking a liberal alternate to A.A.A. was being considered.
* * * (12372*)

(2) Need Substitute if A.A.A. Program is Invalidated.

SIOUX FALLS, S. DAK., ARGUS LEADER. IR. 12/6/35. (AP) Senator McNary of Oregon, Republican leader in the Senate, announced he would introduce on the opening day of Congress a three-point farm relief bill as a basis for a "natural transition from the A.A.A. to a long-time program."
* * * (12340*)

(3) Farmers Ask Import Ban.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., JOURNAL. IR. 11/21/35. (AP) The National Farmers Union, in the concluding sessions of its annual convention, demanded an immediate Government embargo on the importation of agricultural products.
* * * (12341*)

(4) U.S. Regains Part of Canadian Trade.

NEW YORK, N.Y., TIMES. ID. 12/18/35. * * * (12357*)

(5) Farmers of Italy to Increase Crops.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, PLAIN DEALER. ID. 12/9/35. (Rome) Mussolini orders Fascist Science to help them spur production. * * * (12384*)

(6) White Farmers Are Increasing.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., AGE-HERALD. ID. 12/9/35. (University, Ala., Dec. 8.) * * * A decided increase for the year, 1935, over 1930 white farmers, in the number of acres held by white farmers, and in the average acres per white farm was reflected in statistics concerning the tenure of farms in Alabama. * * * (12387*)

News Columns - Pro

(7) Rural Sales Spur Factory Activity.

WASHINGTON, D. C., STAR. I. 12/22/35. (By J.G. Donley) Increased buying power helps auto firms and many other lines. * * * (12904*)

News Columns Pro, Cont'd. A.A.A. - AGRICULTURE GENERAL

(1) Farmers Better Off, Banker Says,
CHATTANOOGA, TENN., NEWS. ID. 12/14/35. * * * (12917*)

(2) Value of Farm Output Expands 13 Per Cent During Year.
PROVIDENCE, R. I., JOURNAL. I. 12/15/35. Gains vary greatly in individual States with West North Central group in lead. Increases in South Central also indicate prospects for retail trade gains. * * * (12356*)

(3) Auto Producers Hail Reciprocal Trade Treaties.
PROVIDENCE, R. I., JOURNAL. I. 12/15/35. (UP) Cite best export business since 1930 under "Most Favored Nation" pacts. * * * (12354*)

(4) Auto Firm's Sales Rise 50 Per Cent.
OMAHA, NEBR., WORLD HERALD. I. 12/18/35. Nash President sees greater 1936 gain; stress safety more. * * * (12373*)

(5) Retail Buying Heaviest Since 1930 Holidays.
NEW YORK, N. Y., SUN. IR. 12/18/35. * * * The National Retail Dry Goods Association's figures on pre-holiday buying during the first half of the month showed an evenly distributed gain of 9.5 per cent for 1935 over the same period of 1934, according to Channing E. Sweitzer, managing director. * * * (12371*)

(6) Iowa Will Demand Plan For Farmers.
WASHINGTON, D. C., STAR. I. 12/18/35. (AP) Gov. Clyde Herring of Iowa said his State would "demand a workable farm program" if the Supreme Court should invalidate the A. A. A. * * * (12918*)

(7) Farmer Grateful For Federal Aid.
RALEIGH, N. C., NEWS & OBSERVER. D. 11/29/35. "When you found me, I was a-crawlin'. Now I'm a-walkin'." That's not a patent medicine testimonial, but a 56-year-old farmer's expression of appreciation for the help given him by the Resettlement Administration. * * * (12344*)

(8) Co-Op Leaders Think A.A.A. Aids.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., TRIBUNE. R. 12/15/35. * * * (12350*)

(1) Farmers Closing Ranks To Hold New Deal Gains.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., ADVERTISER. D. 12/16/35. (By Atticus Mullin)
Consolidate their strength in Alabama as adverse ruling threatens A.A.A.
Agriculture determined to perpetuate crop control whatever Court decides.
* * * (12919*)

(2) Farmers Pay 89-1/2 Per Cent Of All Loan Interest At Maturity.

DAVENPORT, Ia., DEMOCRAT. D. 12/4/35. * * * The increased percentage in payments reflects the steady improvement in the financial condition of farmers. * * * (648859)

News Columns - Con

(3) Not Really Farmer's Friend.

DETROIT, MICH., FREE PRESS. IR. 12/9/35. (National Whirligig) * * *
New York banks report an unprecedented flood of inquiries from foreign correspondents about importation of foodstuffs into this country. Especial interest is being shown by Denmark, Norway and Holland, with milk and dairy products featured. Agriculturists in those nations obviously expect the speedy consummation of trade treaties which will give them a better chance to break into our markets. Conversely American farm organizations--especially cooperatives--are reported as extremely concerned about the prospect for such treaties. G.O.P. agents are fanning the flames. The Canadian treaty has already helped their argument that Mr. Roosevelt isn't really the farmers' friend he purports to be. Other trade agreements along similar lines would be luscious political fodder. * * * (12386*)

(4) Wallace's Crop Proposals All Declared Uneconomic.

NEW YORK, N. Y., WORLD TELEGRAM. I. 12/9/35. (By A.L.Jackson, Vice-President, Economics Statistics, Inc.) Jackson asserts only way to restore agricultural prosperity is to let farmers produce all they want and allow price to adjust supply and demand. * * * (12377*)

(5) Farmer Must Save Himself, Says Freestone.

NEW YORK, N. Y., HERALD TRIBUNE. IR. 12/11/35. Government can't do it; Pump priming wrong, declares Grange Head. Then, he says, organized agriculture will act. (AP) Fred J. Freestone said in a speech at the State Grange convention that in the long run only farmers and not the Government can "save" agriculture. * * * (12363*)

(1) That's That.

DENVER, COLO., POST. I. 12/6/35. The processing taxes of the A.A.A. are frequently referred to by the new dealers as "the farmer's tariff". But nobody ever heard of any other tariff which was levied to encourage any industry to produce less. Every other tariff in the United States is designed to stimulate American production and to protect American producers against the competition of foreign countries which have lower living standards. The processing taxes are the only "tariff" which has had the effect of curtailing American production, and taking part of the American market from American farmers and giving it to foreign farmers. (12362*)

(2) Urge for Repeal of the New Deal Sweeps Country.

TOPEKA, KANSAS, CAPITAL. R. 12/15/35. (By Clif Stratton) Kansas business men appalled when Guild informs Kansas to pay 14 millions payroll taxes. Grange raps farm control. Roosevelt faces one-man campaign in 1936 as leading democrats join business groups. * * * (12364*)

(3) Current Comment.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, GAZETTE. I. 12/9/35. (By Verne Marshall) * * * The A.A.A. has put money in the farmer's hands and cheered him mightily. What kind of money is it, whence does it come, and may its source be relied upon to maintain the supply? Assuming the constitutionality of the A.A.A., is the farmer agreeable to permanent and arbitrary control of his activities, by elective officials who exert dictatorial power? Hitler was an elected dictator, and Mussolini. Liberty disappeared with their elections. * * * (12359*)

(4) Trade Leaders of South Turn Upon New Deal.

WASHINGTON, D. C., POST. I. 12/17/35. (UP) * * * Business leaders from 14 States below the Mason-Dixon line turned the third annual convocation of the Southern States Industrial Council into a bitter anti-New Deal forum. * * * "The socialistic tendencies of the Administration will cause many of them to show changed views at the next session. It is a great compliment to Southern industry that it has been able to survive the ordeal of the New Deal." * * * (12349*)

(5) Banks Warned To Be Wary Of Supporting FHA.

CHICAGO, ILL., TRIBUNE. IR. 12/17/35. Way of getting U. S. out of Business. * * * (12915*)

(1) Consumers and the A.A.A.

ST. PAUL, MINN., DAIRY RECORD. 11/27/35. Some of the A.A.A. boys have been poisoned by their own cooking, to judge from the length to which they are going to quiet the restive consumer. The amount of ill-will that has been developed for the meat industry through the summer advance in prices will in the end cost producers millions of dollars. Dairymen and creamery-men should be thankful that they were not the victims of planned economy. * * * (12325*)

(2) That's That.

DENVER, COLO., POST. I. 12/9/35. * * * At the beginning of the New Deal Administration, the American people were told frankly that many experiments were to be tried but that those which did not succeed would be abandoned. In the whole history of the New Deal there is no record of any experiment being abandoned voluntarily. The N.R.A. was knocked out by the unanimous vote of the Supreme Court as unconstitutional. The A.A.A. has been amended, not voluntarily, but in a frantic attempt to validate it and protect it against attack in the courts. * * * (12382*)

(3) Republicans Claim A.A.A. and N.R.A. Failed.

MIAMI, FLA., HERALD. ID. 11/27/35. (AP) * * * For agriculture, the Republican national committee held the index number for prices of farm products had gone from 76 in July, 1933, to 132 in October, 1935, while the index level of purchasing power for the farmer's dollar advanced only from 71 in July, 1933, to 89 in October, 1935. * * * (12336*)

(4) Round Table of Business.

CHICAGO, ILL., JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 11/26/35. (By Phil S. Hanna) The news coming out of retail trade circles and from the railroad camps is something to feel good about. The trends are of a nature which serve to heighten the sentiment--growing every day--that the recovery is assuming a vitality and a momentum that will send it hurtling over the governmental barriers. * * * (12324*)

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Editorial Pro

(5) Manufacturers on the Dole.

SIOUX FALLS, S. DAK., ARGUS LEADER. IR. 11/18/35. The hog farmer is to be on a Federal dole in 1936, said a speaker the other day. He based his conclusion upon the fact that farmers are to receive allotments under the A.A.A. next year even though they produce their normal quantity of hogs. He contends in consequence that the farmer is doing nothing in return for the payment and, therefore, it is to be classified as a dole. Perhaps. But if it is, we must also say that every manufacturer of a tariff-protected article is on a dole. He is receiving a subsidy in much the same fashion that the

farmer is under the A.A.A. Through the tariff, the manufacturer is enabled to maintain prices above the levels that would exist otherwise. * * * (12331*)

Editorials - Con

(1) Bigger and Better Rackets.

CHICAGO, ILL., DAILY NEWS. I. 12/10/35. Secretary Wallace has been telling us that there will be more hogs under the new corn-hog agreement. The President has been bemoaning the fact that Americans largely live upon a third-class diet, implying that we need more and bigger incomes to buy more and better farm products. But, while these fair-sounding statements are calculated to give the impression that the Administration has abandoned its policy of scarcity and artificially higher prices, the daily grist of routine announcements from the Washington offices of A.A.A. shows that, in practice, bigger and better rackets, under official sanction, are being set up to make food dear. * * * Pussyfoot words, weasel words, and hypocritical words--all to cover up the destruction of freedom of trade, violation of freedom of contract, and attempted subversion of the organic laws of the American Federal State. For five centuries free men were willing to shed their blood before they would surrender to king and baron the right to set up monopolies. Only a little while ago the Fix, and the racket built up on the basis of the Fix, were phenomena of the underworld. Today they have been given color of law and have been sanctified with the pretense of social welfare. And millions of Americans apparently can be kidded into thinking there's a difference! (12388*)

(2) Can't Have It Both Ways.

DETROIT, MICH., FREE PRESS. I.R. 12/8/35. * * * A few months back, when a delegation visited Washington, Secretary Wallace solemnly and somewhat impatiently denied that his paying farmers to plow under their little pigs had anything to do with the retail price of pork. The naughty packers and distributors were responsible for increased prices. Scarcity had nothing to do with it. Yet in order to bring down pork prices, Secretary Wallace is now encouraging the farmers to overcome scarcity by increasing production! Can you beat it? (12376*)

(3) The More Abundant Life For Canada.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., INQUIRER. I. 12/20/35. Even without the bonuses, Canadian farmers would doubtless vote for a continuance of our A.A.A., for the simple reason that it has permitted them to sell a half-million pounds of pork to Detroit packers since September at from \$2.50 to \$3.50 per hundred pounds above the price they would receive in Canada, even after paying the duty. * * * Yet this is the plan which the New Dealers are defending before the Supreme Court; which they tell the farmers was deliberately contrived to raise the prices of their products; which they tell the consumers was due to a slight slip-up on the part of the elements. (12909*)

(1) Sees Meat Supply Going South.

LANSING, MICH., JOURNAL. I. 12/19/35. When an artificial situation is created by Government, not even the wisest can tell how far it will run nor deny that strange and unlooked for results will arise. One result of the A.A.A. may be to take the meat packing industry from the places where it has customarily been and move it south. * * * Once the train of Government artificiality is set in motion, there is no telling how far the situation will run, nor is there telling how many damaged spots will result in trying to artificially aid another. (12903*)

News Columns Pro(2) Packing Company Profits Increase.

LOUISVILLE, KY., COURIER-JOURNAL. I. 12/16/35. (Chicago, AP) 29 per cent gain reported by Swift despite volume loss. * * * (12383*)

(3) Swift & Co. Profit is Doubled in Year.

NEW YORK, N. Y., TIMES. ID. 12/16/35. Packers report \$2.46 a capital share income, against \$1.02 in preceding period. * * * (12348*)

COTTONEditorials Con(4) Reprieve for Cotton.

NEW YORK, N. Y., TIMES. ID. 12/13/35. * * * American cotton, however, is not out of peril. In the 1934-35 year the cotton production of China increased 50 per cent, of Russia 62 per cent, and of Brazil 161 per cent, compared with the average production in those countries in the five years from 1926 to 1931. An artificially small American crop, by raising the world price, must continue to encourage foreign production. (12379*)

(5) Dixie's Cotton Slavery Breaks Down.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF., PACIFIC RURAL PRESS. 11/9/35. Perhaps the most starkly terrible indictment ever written about the personal and economic slavery in which cotton holds five and a half million white tenants and three million black tenants in the Old South is the new book by three college leaders of Dixies--"The Collapse of Cotton Tenancy." This book had to be written and printed in the South by friends of the South. Otherwise it could never have claimed sponsorship of a distinguished list of Southern leaders, including the editors of the Progressive Farmer, the Southern Ruralist, and the Atlanta Constitution. * * * The landlords have wrung the tenants dry, and corporations and banks have taken over vast quantities of the land. The South, with its necessary crop restriction program, has now

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permanently added about 2-1/2 million former cotton tenants to the unemployed class. In one survey 40 per cent of the landlords opposed having the Government give them relief direct because it would spoil them for future service as tenants. This book does not attempt to fix blame upon the landlords for their policies, nor has it any idea that they could do much else under the present system. It seeks to report how an impossible situation has been sustained this long, and to point out that the Nation is now up against the necessity of doing something about it. They see no hope of cotton coming back. * * * (12334*)

News Column

(1) Total Cotton Use Now Near Record Highs.

DALLAS, TEXAS, MORNING NEWS. ID. 12/10/35. World consumption of all growths of cotton is running nearly equal to the highest rate on record, the New York Cotton Exchange Service reported. All major divisions of the world spinning industry are using the staple at a rate much above the average of recent years. * * * World production of cotton this season is tentatively estimated by the Exchange Service at 25,499,000 bales, so that world consumption is running at a somewhat higher rate than world production. (12370*)

News Column - Pro

(2) Position of R. I. Cotton Mills is Best Since 1929.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., JOURNAL. I. 12/22/35. * * * (12905*)

POTATOES

Editorials - Con

(3) Revising the Potato Act.

HARTFORD, CONN., COURANT. R. 12/12/35. * * * The theory of the Potato Control Act remains as obnoxious as ever, even though it appears that few if any housewives will be prosecuted for purchasing bootlegged potatoes. The A.A.A. may use its executive powers to disguise the fact that the burden of the Act bears on the purchaser, and Congress may change the provisions making the first purchaser equally liable with the producer of bootlegged potatoes, but the potato control plan will be merely less irritating, not less unsound. (12369*)

(1) More Abundant Life.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., STAR. I. 12/13/35. * * * No doubt that "more abundant life" which was promised by the President and the new dealers in general on March 4, 1933, will soon be a realization now that the potato destruction act has become effective. To the most of those that have a general understanding of the ifs, ands, whys, etc., of the mess that we are in, such legislation will only serve as proof that either gross ignorance or downright hypocrisy is running rampant on Capitol Hill. * * * (12353*)

FRUITS & VEGETABLES.

News Column - Con

(2) Fruit Growers Condemn A.A.A.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., PRESS. I. 12/5/35. Complaining that the A.A.A. has increased production of fruits and vegetables and at the same time has curtailed consumer demand, the Michigan State Horticultural society went on record by a 6-to-1 vote as opposed to the A.A.A. * * * (12361*)

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News Columns

(1) Court Decision Restores Favor To Food Stocks.

NEW YORK, N. Y., WORLD TELEGRAM. I. 1/7/36. Burden of A.A.A. taxes found it a problem to hold up earnings. (By Albert K. Ettlinger). That the Street engaged in a buying spree in the biscuit, baking, and other food company stocks soon after the Supreme Court made public its decision nullifying the New Deal's A.A.A. farm policy is putting it mildly - not in recent years has there been such concentrated demand as was put in motion yesterday. * * * Speculators had been buying stocks for the last few weeks in anticipation of the A.A.A. decision, and when the "good news" appeared there was a rush to take profits. * * * (13212*)

(2) Sugar Tax.

NEW YORK, N. Y., AMERICAN. I. 1/7/36. The first effect of the invalidation of the A.A.A. by the United States Supreme Court yesterday was the elimination of the Jones-Costigan Act processing tax from the price of sugar by the sugar trade. Following announcement of the decision the refiners announced that they would accept business at 4.75 cents a pound, though the "list price" for the time being remained unchanged at 5.30 cents. * * * (13196*)

(3) Shoe Industry Hits Code, Citing Gains.

WASHINGTON, D. C., STAR. I. 1/7/36. (Chicago A.P.) Officials of manufacturers' association declares business needs freedom. * * * (13172*)

(4) Hog Prices Soar As Tax Ends, Cotton Futures Break Sharply.

WASHINGTON, D. C., STAR. I. 1/7/36. (Chicago A.P.) Hog farmers stripped of the production control and benefit payment program by the Supreme Court's invalidation of the A.A.A. today witnessed one of the most spectacular market price rises within the memory of veteran live stock men. * * * (13171*)

(5) Commodity Price Decline Seen Near.

NEW YORK, N.Y., JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 1/7/36. * * * (13203*)

TRADE REACTIONS TO SUPREME COURT DECISION ON THE A.A.A.

News Columns, Continued

(1) Flour Business Here Suspended.

NEW YORK, N.Y., JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 1/7/36. Flour business entered a state of suspension immediately following the Supreme Court decision yesterday which swept the A.A.A. into history. Mills withdrew all quotations and refused to take any business except at prices which included the now defunct tax. Thus an unofficial moratorium on flour sales is in effect until legal advisers of flour mills have dissected fully all angles of the decision. * * * However, such a large potential flour demand piled up while the decision was awaited that the outlook for prices over the near future is conceded bullish, it was said in the trade. * * * When the decision was read, wheat advanced 2¢, but sold off far more rapidly. Hogs, lard, cottonseed oil closed slightly lower, the grains hardly changed. * * * (13159*)

(2) Hog Prices Soar Again At Chicago.

WASHINGTON, D.C., STAR. I. 1/7/36. (A.P.) Market in early dealings to reach \$10 level - continues climb. The hog market continued its spectacular adjustment to the Supreme Court's invalidation of the A.A.A. by scoring the sharpest advance in months early today. * * * It was considered possible in some quarters that both hog producers and pork consumers would benefit from the elimination of packers' processing costs. * * * (13169*)

(3) Wide, Erratic Movement In Grain Market Greets Supreme Court Decision.

NEW YORK, N.Y., WALL ST. JOURNAL. 1/7/36. Uncertainty reigns on Chicago Board of Trade - Selling wave grips wheat pit. * * * (13193*)

(4) Cotton Futures Drop After Early Gains; Close up 11 to off 6.

NEW YORK, N.Y., WALL ST. JOURNAL. 1/7/36. Trade uncertainties now revolving around Government position in the market, * * * (13194*)

(5) Plea To Sustain Prices Of Textiles Follows Ruling.

WASHINGTON, D.C., STAR. I. 1/7/36. (A.P.) Cotton institute calls parley-temporary halt in sales urged. * * * At Concord, N.C., Thomas H. Webb, president of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association, said he hoped that "not a single cotton mill in America will cut prices as a result of the decision." * * * (13168*)

(6) Ruling Disturbs Prices of Cotton.

NEW YORK, N.Y., TIMES. ID. 1/7/36. Short covering on first word of A.A.A. ruling sends quotations up \$1.15 to \$1.50. Full effect expected today as trade revives talk of interstate compacts. * * * (13163*)

TRADE REACTIONS TO SUPREME COURT DECISION ON THE A.A.A.

News Columns, Continued.

(1) Decision Confuses Knit Goods Trade.

NEW YORK, N. Y., JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 1/7/36. Large underwear mills are moving cautiously in future policy. The knit goods market, particularly the underwear part where large amounts of cotton are used, was confused and agents were uncertain just what to expect as a result of the sweeping decision yesterday against the A.A.A. and the processing tax. One large mill late in the afternoon informed its New York office that it was shutting down immediately to take stock, and would ship out no further orders for the time being. * * * In some ways the final decision came at the best time of the year for the underwear trade. * * * (13161*)

(2) Wheat Closes Off After Wide Swings.

NEW YORK, N. Y., TIMES. ID. 1/7/36. Market becomes erratic as invalidation of the A.A.A. becomes known. Millers take futures. Possible heavy flour buying is expected later - oats and rye softer - corn firm. The Supreme Court's A.A.A. decision invalidating the structure which maintained the processing taxes and production control was an unsettling influence in grain markets of the nation, with wheat fluctuating erratically within a range of as much as 3 cents a bushel. * * * (13184*)

(3) Food Shares Rise; Store Prices Fall.

NEW YORK, N. Y., TIMES. ID. 1/7/36. Food, textile and tobacco stocks react quickly in market to A.A.A. decision. Industrials are lower. Drop is based on fear that the farmers' buying power will be cut down. * * * (13167*)

(4) Erratic Tone Marks Active Stock Trade.

NEW YORK, N. Y., HERALD TRIBUNE. IR. 1/7/36. (By C. Norman Stabler, financial editor). Food shares advance on A.A.A. upset, but farm issues drop and averages ease 0.42 point. Conflicting factors lead to confusion. Cotton and wheat rise at first, but lose gains because of uncertainty. * * * (13164*)

(5) Textile Industry Acclaims A.A.A. Ban.

NEW YORK, N. Y., TIMES. ID. 1/7/36. New England leaders say decision brings confidence and relief to business. With virtual unanimity, New England business leaders today hailed the decision of the Supreme Court invalidating the A.A.A. as the beginning of a renaissance of the textile industry here and as presaging the death knell of virtually all New Deal legislation from the Social Security Act to the Wagner Labor Bill. * * * (13162*)

(6) Hog Prices Rise on Knock out of Processing Tax.

CHICAGO, ILL., TRIBUNE. IR. 1/7/36. Trading most active in recent years. * * * (13210*)

TRADE REACTIONS OF SUPREME COURT DECISION ON THE A.A.A.

News Columns, Continued.

(1) Bonds Irregular After A.A.A. Ruling.

NEW YORK, N. Y., TIMES. ID. 1/7/36. After a period of strength in early trading, bonds turned highly irregular yesterday on the New York Stock Exchange as a result of the conflicting influences created by the Supreme Court's decision on the A.A.A. Reactionary trends predominated during the afternoon and the listed market generally closed lower on the day. * * * (13182*)

(2) Cotton Is Erratic On A.A.A. Decision.

NEW YORK, N. Y., TIMES. ID. 1/7/36. Prices are 11 points higher to 16 lower - May sells below 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ a pound. Old crop higher. Foreign buying appears as the break reaches \$2 a bale - uncertain on pool. * * * (13183*)

(3) Prices Are Reduced On All Corn Products.

WASHINGTON, D. C., TIMES. I. 1/8/36. (New York, I.N.S.). * * * (13208*)

(4) Price Of Flour Drops In West On A.A.A. Upset.

NEW YORK, N. Y., HERALD TRIBUNE. IR. 1/8/36. Wheat and cotton decline slightly; sugar soars on statement of Wallace. * * *. (13206*)

(5) Utilities Climb Sharply On Curb.

WASHINGTON, D. C., STAR. I. 1/7/36. (New York, A. P.) A sharp run-up in utilities helped the Curb market to regain its composure today after Monday's A.A.A. decision. * * * (13170*)

(6) Hopes Are Slim For Early Cuts In Food Prices.

NEW YORK, N. Y., HERALD TRIBUNE. IR. 1/8/36. Grocers may take weeks to pass reductions on after process tax relief. Pork costs may even rise due to low supplies. * * * (13211*)

(7) A.A.A. Voided; Doubt Cast on Other Laws; Effect on Various Trades.

NEW YORK, N. Y., WALL ST. JOURNAL. 1/7/36. Consumer saving principal benefit. Costs will be lower but industry expects to pass economies on to buyers. For the long run, industry yesterday visualized great savings to consumers, with business an indirect beneficiary, as a result of voiding of the Agricultural Adjustment Act by the Supreme Court and of the processing taxes levied under it. For the immediate future it was believed there would be some confusion. Time would be required to adjust to changed price conditions under which industry must operate. * * * (13195*)

TRADE REACTIONS TO SUPREME COURT DECISION ON THE A.A.A.

News Columns, Continued.

(1) Packers To Profit From A.A.A. Decision.

NEW YORK, N. Y., JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 1/7/36. Profit margins will gain since packers absorbed part of tax. Invalidation of the \$2.25 processing levy on hogs probably will result in more favorable profit margins for packing companies, according to reports received yesterday. It is pointed out that consumer resistance to higher pork prices have been so intense that packers have had to absorb part of the processing levy and with this eliminated profit margins should improve. Since the number of hogs intended for marketing during the next several months is not susceptible to expansion, the volume of business cannot be increased, it is pointed out. Little change in price of meats is anticipated by some. * * * Packers will benefit from return of taxes that were paid into escrow since invalidation of the N.R.A. It is estimated that two of the leading packers will thus obtain over \$100,000,000. * * * (13166*)

(2) Prices Withdrawn On Cotton Fabrics.

NEW YORK, N. Y., JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 1/7/36. Industry is highly pleased with decision killing processing taxes. * * * (13160*)

(3) Financial Markets.

NEW YORK, N. Y., TIMES. 1/7/36. Stocks advance, then decline, in heavy trading as A.A.A. is upset; food issues strong. * * * (13165*)

(4) Verdict Seen Aid To Food Companies.

NEW YORK, N. Y., JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 1/7/36. Improved earnings looked for. Manufacturers may expand operations. Broadening of operations by food manufacturing companies, with an improved earnings outlook for manufacturers in many divisions of the industry, is looked for in the event that yesterday's Supreme Court ruling in the Hoosac Mills case invalidates the entire basic plan of the Agricultural Adjustment Act, it was indicated by informal comment in food trade circles last night.* * * Price Outlook. Lower food prices on some products to consumers are expected to result if all processing taxes are removed, although such reductions will not be general. In the case of those products on which the processing taxes have been absorbed, manufacturers are expected to continue present quotations, wherever possible, to restore a normal earnings margin on operations. * * * (13197*)

(5) Fitful Market Irregular On A.A.A. Decision.

WASHINGTON, D. C., HERALD. 1/7/35. Early boom followed by sharp reaction; turnover largest in thirteen months; grains down. (By Broadan Wall) (U.S.) * * * (13200*)

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News Columns, Continued.

(1) Grain Prices Off On A.A.A. Decision.
BALTIMORE, MD., SUN. ID. 1/7/36. (A.P.) * * * (13188*)

(2) Commodity Prices Go Down On Ruling.
NEW YORK, N. Y., TIMES. ID. 1/7/36. Meat, flour and all process-taxed products will be cheaper. Heavier buying expected. Cotton and grain futures drop in expectation of unlimited crops this year. * * * (13198*)

(3) Food Industry Cautious.
NEW YORK, N. Y., TIMES. ID. 1/7/36. Careful buying expected as result of A.A.A. decision. While the Supreme Court's decision on the A.A.A. is expected to result in hand-to-mouth buying in all branches of the food industry during the immediate future, due to the uncertainty over the price situation, manufacturers and distributors generally felt that release from the burden of the taxation would benefit the industry within a short time. * * * Jobbers were informed by millers yesterday that a reduction in flour would most likely be put into effect today, with indications that the drop would be about \$1.30 a barrel, bringing the price down to \$5.70. While the tax on lard has been about 4 cents a pound, producers were not expected to reduce their prices the full amount of the levy due to the shortage of supplies. (13187*)

(4) Sugar Market Down; Recovery at Close.
NEW YORK, N. Y., TIMES. ID. 1/7/36. Trade believes that A.A.A. decision knocks out entire quota system for industry. Sugar futures broke 23 to 24 points in price yesterday afternoon following the decision by the Supreme Court invalidating the A.A.A. * * * (13186*)

(5) Dry Goods Trade Studies Decision.
NEW YORK, N. Y., JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 1/7/36. Various policies to be followed pending uniform action. Throughout the staple cotton goods market a variety of trading policies were followed yesterday after the Supreme Court decision became known. Most selling houses and converters withdrew prices. A number put merchandise at value. Many firms continued to offer goods, finding inquiry virtually non-existent. Among the policies adopted was one requiring the use of a new clause on sales notes or invoices calling the attention of buyers to the intention of the seller to treat them as equitably as when the tax clause was used up to noon. The use of the A.A.A. sales clause continued in use in various quarters on the assumption that, since buyers are being invoiced at full prices, they continue subject to the clause's protection. * * * (13202*)

TRADE REACTIONS TO SUPREME COURT DECISION ON THE A.A.A.

News Columns, Continued.

(1) Mills Withdraw As Tax Is Ended.

NEW YORK, N. Y., JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 1/7/36. Suspension of trade due until A.A.A. decision is assimilated. * * * Thus, although no united action has been taken, an unofficial moratorium is in effect on flour sales from mill to distributor and baker. Some milling interests doubt that selling conditions will be restored for another two or three days, although others hope for resumption of marketing by tomorrow morning. * * * (13204*)

(2) Sugar Control Off, Price Break Wide.

NEW YORK, N. Y., JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 1/7/36. Spot refined sugar and raw sugar futures declined sharply yesterday following the Supreme Court decision on A.A.A. Pending receipt of the complete text of the verdict, sugar operators were uncertain as to just what effect the ruling would have on the status of processing taxes, but it appeared to be widely believed that these taxes and quota restrictions would be eliminated. The outlook for refunds of taxes paid on floor stocks was also uncertain. In the futures market on the Coffee and Sugar Exchange prices broke 23 to 24 points following announcement of the decision

(3) Hogs Rise Sharply After Early Decline.

NEW YORK, N. Y., TIMES. ID. 1/7/36. Wild scramble to buy after the A.A.A. decision finds most of the receipts already sold. A sharp advance in the price of hogs followed the announcement of the Supreme Court decision holding the A.A.A. unconstitutional. * * * (13177*)

(4) Sugar Quota Collapse Is Feared By Cubans.

BALTIMORE, MD., SUN, ID 1/7/36. (Havana, Cuba - Special) System set up under A.A.A. as part of Trade Treaty seen menaced by Ruling. Leaders of Cuba's \$1,000,000,000 sugar industry were deeply concerned tonight over the decision of the United States Supreme Court holding unconstitutional the A.A.A. Under the vital 1934 reciprocal trade agreement, the A.A.A. controlled the Cuban sugar quota system. Fear was expressed that the trade pact will collapse and business chaos result if the quota system is abrogated. * * * (13191*)

(5) Stocks Take Jump, Then Fall Back, After Court's A.A.A. Ruling.

WASHINGTON, D. C., TIMES, I. 1/6/36. (I.N.S.) (New York) Invalidation of the A.A.A. processing taxes by the Supreme Court brought a mixed response in security and commodity markets today. * * * (13192*)

(6) Federal Bonds Advance Despite A.A.A. Defeat.

NEW YORK, N. Y., HERALD TRIBUNE. IR. 1/7/36. Speculatives drop and high grade corporates tend off. * * * (13189*)

TRADE REACTIONS TO SUPREME COURT DECISION ON THE A.A.A.

News Columns, Continued.

(1) Stock, Commodity Selling Is Heavy.

WASHINGTON, D. C. STAR. I. 1/6/36. (A.P.) Brief buying flurry precedes wave of liquidation on High Court's decision. * * * After pushing up as much as 2 cents a bushel, wheat at Chicago closed unchanged to 1 cent below Saturday's final quotations. (13190*)

(2) Confusion Reigns in Stock Market.

BALTIMORE, MD., SUN. ID. 1/7/36. (A.P.) Uncertainty as to effect of A.A.A. decision causes heavy selling. Losses at close exceed gains by more than two to one. * * * (13185*)

(3) Bakers See Ruling Cut Cost of Bread.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., INQUIRER. I, 1/7/36. Pennsylvania group officers comment on A.A.A. as Luzerne conclave opens. * * * Officials of the association stated this afternoon that the Supreme Court decision against the A.A.A. undoubtedly will be reflected in cheaper bread. * * * (13175*)

(4) Sugar Breaks.

NEW YORK, N. Y., TIMES. ID. 1/7/36. The decline in sugar yesterday almost attained the 25-point limit for price change in a single day on the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange. * * * The prevalent theory was that the tax would be abandoned without test. This will not materially alter the present situation with respect to sugar supplies, but may make for confusion in a year or two. (13178*)

(5) Speculative Bonds Fluctuate Nervously on A.A.A. Decision.

NEW YORK, N. Y., WALL ST. JOURNAL. 1/7/36. Take cue from action of equities--many prime corporate issues work higher. With trading proceeding at a fairly active pace, the bond market yesterday suffered its first important reversal in nearly a month and sentiment turned a bit nervous following the A.A.A. decision and the threat of more taxes to make up for those invalidated. * * * (13173*)

(6) Dark Tobacco Sales Reopen; Breaks Light.

RICHMOND, VA., TIMES DISPATCH. ID. 1/7/36. (A.P.) Prices remain at pre-holiday level on Virginia floors. The Virginia dark-fired tobacco markets resumed sales today, with veteran tobacconists estimating that approximately two-thirds of the 1935 crop remains to be sold. * * * (13179*)

TRADE REACTIONS TO SUPREME COURT DECISION ON THE A.A.A.

News Columns, Continued.

(1) Food Wholesalers To Claim Refunds.

NEW YORK, N. Y., JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 1/7/36. Will seek processing tax returns on floor stock - outlook is uncertain. Wholesale grocers and other distributors plan to file claims with the Treasury for refunds of processing taxes on stocks of sugar and other food products, following the Supreme Court decision holding these taxes unconstitutional, it was indicated yesterday at headquarters of National-American Wholesale Grocers' Association here. * * * (13181*)

(2) Stocks Advance On A.A.A. Decision.

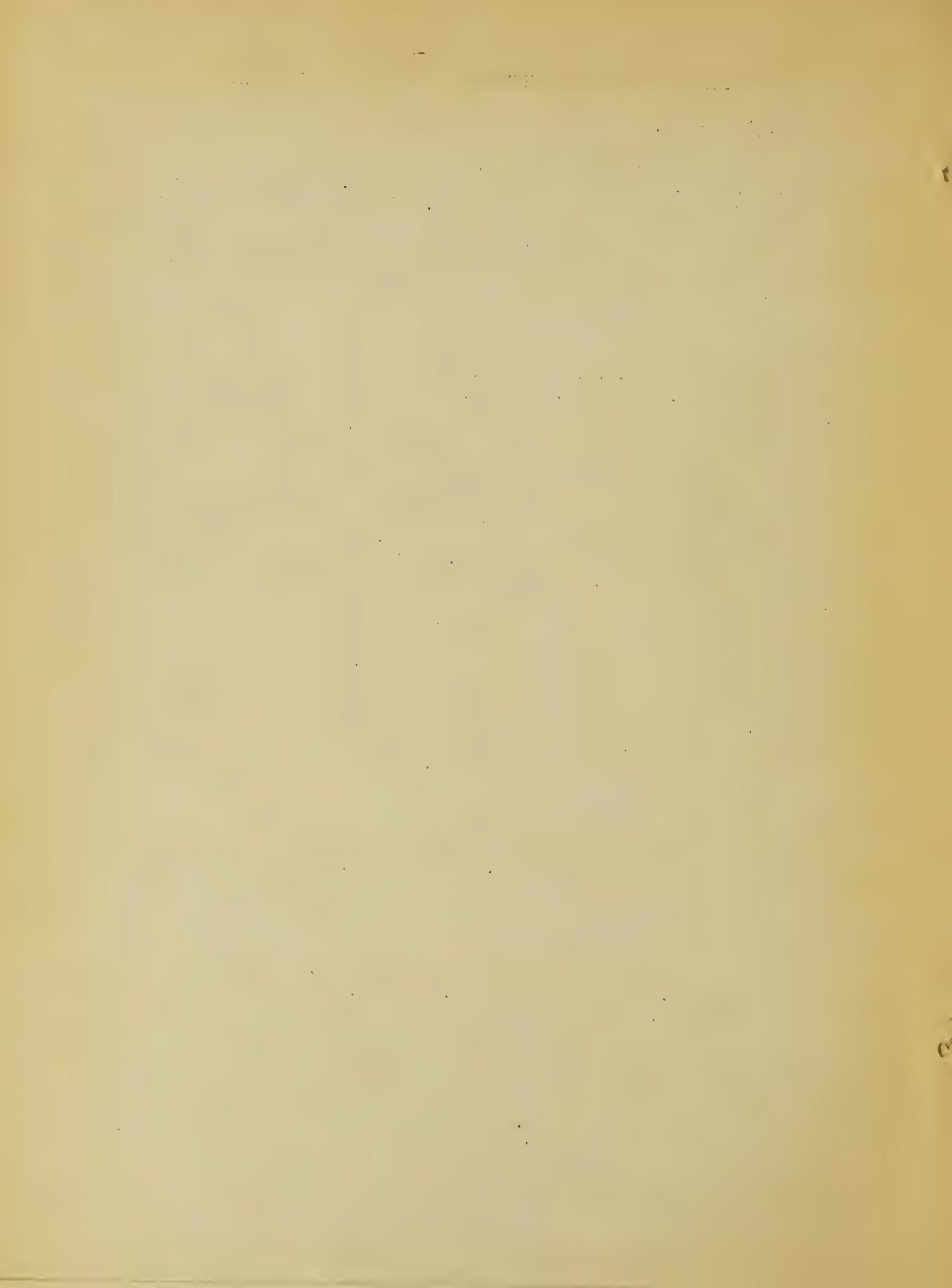
NEW YORK, N. Y., SUN. IR. 1/6/36. Food products lead rush begun early in day. Aside from food stocks and the public utilities, today's market gave no indication that a bullish construction had been placed in the action of the United States Supreme Court in voiding the agricultural adjustment act. In these two groups most of the day's gains were recorded before the decision was handed down. Late in the day these stocks retraced much of the ground previously gained. Other stocks declined one to two points, with emphasis on the farm implement issues. Stocks of packing companies and, in fact, all concerns dealing in food products scored the most substantial gains. * * * Gains in these issues ranged from 1 to more than 3 points. There were equally sharp advances in the tobacco stocks. The meat packers were quick to register the financial community's conviction that the decision, when it came, would be another overthrow for the Administration. * * * About a third of the turnover in the first three hours was accounted for by food and utility stocks. * * * 3,700,000 share turnover. The turnover for the market as a whole totaled approximately 3,700,000 shares. Wheat prices in Winnipeg soared a cent a bushel a few minutes after the A.A.A. decision was announced. In the hog market a sharp rise followed. Sharp fluctuations were seen in the cotton market. First prices were carried upward 26 to 30 points and then they went into an equally rapid decline. (13174*)

(3) Cotton Quiet Pending Edict By High Court.

NEW YORK, N. Y., HERALD TRIBUNE. IR. 1/6/36. Near months rise 8 to 21 points, distant futures decline 5 to 7 in week. * * * (13176*)

(4) Restraint Viewed As Lifted From Trade In General.

NEW YORK, N. Y., WOMEN'S WEAR DAILY. 1/7/36. (By A. W. Zelomak). The outlawing of the A.A.A. by the Supreme Court is not unfavorable to general business as well as to the textile industries, particularly cotton, which is directly affected. * * * Very few will deny that improved farm income has been an important factor in the general improvement of the last three years. Not all economic students will agree, however, that most of this improvement may be directly traced to the A.A.A. Past history shows that low prices have invariably acted not only as a stimulant to increased consumption, but at the same time have tended towards reduced output. It would seem, therefore, that part of the curtailed output of agriculture in the past several years must be explained by economic factors as well as by nature. The 1934 drought probably exerted as much influence in production curtailment as the Government efforts. * * * (13180*)



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Editorials

(1) A Moral Obligation.

OMAHA, NEBR., WORLD HERALD. I. 1/24/36. * * * It makes no difference in this situation what one may think of the A.A.A. or of the court's decision concerning it. The moral obligation is unquestionable. * * * (672144)

(2) Digging into Decision.

WICHITA, KANS., EAGLE. I. 1/23/36. * * * The lawyers are doing what few people have done--reading the decision itself line upon line. * * * There is an old line in history which reads: "The first tribunal of Aragon (Spain), through much interpretation of the laws finally became the law-giver of the land." Howard Lee McBain, Dean professor of constitutional law in Columbia University, thinks that happened here in the A.A.A. decision. (672745)

(3) The Original Error.

MEMPHIS, TENN., COMMERCIAL APPEAL. D. 1/23/36. With the Triple-A knocked out by the Supreme Court \$200,000,000 worth of processing taxes paid under protest and held in escrow have been ordered returned to the processors. * * * The joker lies in the acknowledged fact that the processors did not, except in rare instances, absorb the processing taxes themselves. * * * The state of affairs is not without remedy, of course. It lies within the option of the American people to amend their basic law when, as and if they so desire. * * * (672747)

(4) After A.A.A.

NEW YORK, N. Y., TIMES. ID. 1/8/36. * * * As matters stand, however, it seems rather that A.A.A. has served effectively as a temporary bridge across a gully to more solid ground. * * * In these circumstances the Supreme Court has pronounced judgment on an agency whose best work lies behind it--an agency which served its essential purpose of tiding American agriculture over an emergency whose critical phase has passed. (13547*)

(5) A.A.A. Is No More.

WASHINGTON, D.C., HERALD. I. 1/8/36. (By Arthur Brisbane). The Supreme Court decision rejecting A.A.A., affects every American directly. * * * (13537*)

(1) That A.A.A. Tax Rebate Was A Tough Problem.
TOLEDO, O., BLADE, IR. 1/23/36. * * * (671998)

(2) For Today--And Tomorrow.
NASHVILLE, TENN., TENNESSEAN. I. 1/23/36. * * * The benefits of the A.A.A. were two-fold; first, the restoration of farm purchasing power, with consequent restoration of the national market for consumers' goods; second, the respite that was given to overworked acres whose capacity to sustain plant life had been lowered almost to the vanishing point. From any long range point of view the second of these effects carried by far the greatest import to the American people. * * * (672126)

(3) Inflationary Sentiment.
EL PASO, TEX., TIMES. D. 1/19/36. Conservative interests are beginning to wonder whether they won a victory on the Supreme Court's A.A.A. decision. * * * An anomaly exists in that a government may hand out money head over heels if it gets no value returned, but the moment it obtains, through crop regulation, a value in exchange, courts declare it's an invasion of states' rights. (671300)

(4) The A.A.A. Decision.
NEW YORK, N. Y., HERALD TRIBUNE. IR. 1/9/36. (By Walter Lippmann)
* * * It is difficult to believe that the Court meant to say that the national government has no right to concern itself with the problems of agricultural production. * * * The more reasonable interpretation would seem to be, not that the national government is without power to protect the fertility of the land which is the patrimony of the nation and the self-sufficient agricultural production upon which its independence depends, but that in this particular case it went into too great detail. * * * The Court almost certainly will find in the future * * * that additional national powers are necessary. (13528*)

(5) The Farm Problem.
JACKSON, MISS., NEWS. D. 1/19/36. Now that the Supreme Court decision in the A.A.A. case has been thoroughly analyzed, the conclusion is reached that the nation, agriculturally speaking, is right back where it started three years ago, insofar as production is concerned. This problem, in its essentials, can be simply stated. * * * This isn't a problem which we can laugh off by remarking that farmers are a cantankerous and complaining breed who are always yelling for help. The simple fact is that the farm population makes up something like a third of the consuming public in this country. If its income drops, trade and industry are bound to feel the effects. * * * (671272)

(1) The Erosion Problem.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., CITIZEN. ID. 1/23/36. Conservation of land by stopping water and wind erosion, together with the withdrawal of large areas of submarginal land from cultivation, was one of the aims of the A.A.A. * * * There is no doubt but that searching plans for agricultural uplift throughout the nation are gravely needed. Erosion, over-production and foreign competition with cotton growing are presenting serious problems to the American farmer. Such matters cannot be managed by local cooperation alone nor by State action alone. There is need for the working out of a comprehensive national plan. We do not believe in the subsidizing of agriculture any more than that of industry. Yet some form of farm relief must be devised, just as there must be developed a national plan of conservation and of crop growing. * * * (671814)

(2) An A.A.A. Substitute.

NEW YORK, N.Y., JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 1/25/36. After three weeks of feverish activity, the Administration has failed to evolve an acceptable and effective substitute for the A.A.A. * * * It becomes increasingly doubtful, in the meanwhile, that the soil conservation plan could be completed in time to affect the size of the 1936 crops of basic agricultural staples. It is fortunate, therefore, that the statistical position of nearly all such commodities is now relatively favorable, so that even large yields should fail to bring about any demoralizing changes in the markets for these products. (671290)

(3) Where Do We Go From Here?

NEW YORK, N.Y., WALL ST. JOURNAL. 1/9/36. (By Bernard Kilgore). Three courses open after A.A.A. decree--do nothing, seek substitute, or try to amend the Constitution. * * * (13519*)

(4) They Are Agreed.

COLUMBIA, S.C., RECORD. ID. 1/22/36. Some kind of a farm aid law will of course, be written to replace the A.A.A., all the doleful predictions that followed the supreme court's A.A.A. decision to the contrary notwithstanding. For on farm aid the Republicans and Democrats are alike--both are in favor of it for obvious reasons. (671826)

(5) Ignores Vital Factor.

SIOUX CITY, IOWA, TRIBUNE. I. 1/20/36. With all due respect to the Administration in Washington, the proposed substitute for the invalidated A.A.A. falls short of the goal sought by American farmers. It does not insure price parity for the products of the farm. * * * As a makeshift measure pending the enactment of a permanent law for agriculture, it may serve the purpose well enough in view of the fact that we have virtually no surplus of foodstuffs on hand. * * * (671288)

(1) "If I Were --"

CHICAGO, ILL., JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 1/9/36. * * * With the A.A.A. decision the country is left at the crossroads where calm counsel is golden. If it is said that Mr. Roosevelt's A.A.A. was a failure legally, it may be said with equal justice that Mr. Hoover's farm board--and a host of other Republican expedients--likewise failed practically (for they never were brought to the test). * * * (13505*)

(2) High Court Acts Quickly.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., JOURNAL. I. 1/21/36. The haste with which the supreme court turns down a government application for a rehearing on the A.A.A. rulings and orders the \$200,000,000 of impounded taxes returned to the processors, will not create a very good impression. Rather, this quick decision, made apparently over the lunch hour, emphasizes the warning of Justice Stone in his A.A.A. dissenting opinion, that the only check the court has on the exercise of its power is "our own sense of self-restraint." * * * We liked much better the reply of Federal Judge Woodward at Chicago to the hasty application of scrambling processors to get about \$8,500,000 of impounded taxes back into their possession: "What's the hurry? You didn't pay the taxes--you passed them on to the producer or the consumer." * * * (13499*)

(3) Alternative Farm Aid Plans.

NEW YORK, N.Y., JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 1/8/36. When the A.A.A. was passed, the farmers in this country were suffering severely. * * * Economic recovery has now expanded the demand for farm products, particularly in the domestic market. * * * At the forthcoming national elections, both political parties will doubtless present planks in their platforms designed "to do something for the farmer." * * * The A.A.A., with all its faults, must be regarded as economically sounder than any of these alternatives. * * * (13538*)

(4) Sugar Beet Expansion.

GREAT FALLS, MONT., TRIBUNE. D. 1/19/36. Several factors in the sugar situation appear at this moment to be very encouraging to the western states. First is the belief at Washington that the A.A.A. decision did not do away with the quota limits on imported sugar because that provision of the law rests on the power of congress to regulate foreign commerce. * * * Sugar is not a product which lacks a market. There is no export surplus to worry about. It fits into a soil conservation program and is the key crop in our irrigated areas. The improved prospects are very gratifying. (671818)

A.A.A. - AGRICULTURE GENERAL

Editorials Pro

(1) This Morning.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., AGE HERALD. ID. 1/8/36. (By John Temple Graves, II.) "The cattle are grazing, Their heads never raising, They are forty feeding like one." Forty may have to feed like one in a very bitter sense unless something can be done to save the American farmer from threatened results of the Supreme Court's decision against the A.A.A.

* * * Unless the farmer is given an economic parity with other people, there can be no national prosperity nor any hope of it. * * * (13530*)

(2) The A.A.A. Follows the N.R.A.

LOUISVILLE, KY., COURIER JOURNAL. I. 1/7/36. * * * No other legislation of the New Deal has done so much as the A.A.A. to promote recovery from the depression. * * * (13539*)

(3) Wallace Complains.

ST. PAUL, MINN., NEWS. I. 1/23/36. * * * "I do not question the legality of the action," Secretary Wallace said, "but I certainly do question the justice of it." * * * There are many Americans who would question not only the justice of this ruling but the legality--or at least the right of the court thus to nullify laws of congress. (672745)

(4) A.A.A. and Local Taxes.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., JOURNAL. I. 1/20/36. Tax collections in Wisconsin towns were surprisingly prompt and complete in 1935. The Wisconsin Agriculturist and Farmer believes it knows why. It points out that A.A.A. benefits to Wisconsin farmers in 1935 were 45 per cent of the total general property taxes collected in all town and unincorporated villages of the state. * * * That is something that we have lost, permanently or temporarily, through the invalidation of the A.A.A. * * * A federal tax on the consumer, given to the farmer, has helped him pay his tax to town, county and state. Delinquencies have decreased accordingly. It goes to show how ramified are the effects of policies we adopt, presumably for but a single purpose. (13500*)

(5) The A.A.A. Substitute Plan.

BUTTE, MONT., STANDARD. D. 1/24/36. * * * There is wide recognition of the fact that some benefits have been derived from the now invalidated farm relief program. * * * Except for its conflict with our basic structure of government as laid down in the constitution, the program to which the administration is attempting to cling is as desirable as any outlined by the opposition. * * * (671816)

(1) Farm Program Necessary.

WACO, TEX., NEWS TRIBUNE. ID. 1/21/36. Congressman Marvin Jones of Amarillo is chairman of the house committee on agriculture. * * * He insists that our tariff system makes a farm program necessary. * * * His argument: "No one wishes this country to sink back into the depths it had reached in 1932. The decision of the supreme court in the A.A.A. case is a far-reaching one." He cannot believe that a national tariff is legal and that a national farm program which merely restores the price balances cannot be made legal. * * * (671824)

(2) Farmers Can Be Paid.

NEW YORK, N.Y., WALL ST. JOURNAL. 1/9/36. There need be little concern as to the payment of money due to the farmers under the contracts made with A.A.A. If Congress could legally appropriate as it did last Summer a large sum of money to pay what the United States did not either legally or morally owe to the Minnesota fire claimants, it can as easily appropriate the money to pay what the United States morally owes the farmers on their contracts. * * * (13513*)

(3) States' Rights Farming.

WASHINGTON, D. C., NEWS. I. 1/9/36. We make bold to attempt to gild the lily of the minority justices' dissent to the A.A.A. decision. * * * In 1933 the Roosevelt Administration launched a farm recovery program, and for two and one-half years agriculture's welfare and the national welfare steadily improved. * * * (13510*)

(4) The A.A.A. Decision.

ST. PAUL, MINN., PIONEER PRESS. I. 1/7/36. The decision of the United States Supreme Court on the A.A.A. is a severe blow to the agricultural industry of this country. * * * For all its defects, the A.A.A. has been a hopeful experiment in bringing order and intelligent direction to the farm industry. * * * The decision puts farm relief back again to the starting point. (13518*)

(5) The Fall of A.A.A.

RICHMOND, VA., TIMES DISPATCH. ID. 1/7/36. * * * It is clear that some form of crop control must be devised to prevent the loss of all that has been gained through the A.A.A. * * * (13533*)

Editorials Pro, Cont'd. A.A.A. - AGRICULTURE GENERAL

(1) The A.A.A. Is Dead.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., PRESS. I. 1/7/36. * * * It is clear that if there is to be a fair balance between business and farming one of two things must happen: Either the farmer must control his production voluntarily, much as does the manufacturer, or some plan must be devised within the limits of the Constitution to permit some means of establishing a fair balance. * * * This, then, is the challenge of the A.A.A. decision: To find some alternative to attain the same worthy ends which the A.A.A. sought to achieve through unconstitutional means. * * * (13529*)

Editorials Con

(2) Meet Farm Issue Squarely.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., JOURNAL. I. 1/23/36. Since the farmer, under the supreme court's ruling on the A.A.A., cannot be paid for "doing nothing," he is to be paid for "doing something." And the "something," in its effect on agricultural production, is to be the same as the "nothing" that was held invalid. * * * It would seem that this new act might have a weaker bottom even than the A.A.A. had. It raises the direct question of land control, whereas the A.A.A. law raised only the question of crop control. * * * It would be far better to face the issue. * * * (672139)

(3) A Constitutional A.A.A.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., PRESS. I. 1/23/36. Those who prophesied that the collapse of the A.A.A. in the supreme court would provide the foundation for a still more expansive farm program apparently knew whereof they spoke. * * * It is difficult, indeed, to discover by what means the present plan is an improvement over the A.A.A. except that it appears to be constitutional. * * * (672127)

(4) New A.A.A. Is Evasion.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF., CHRONICLE. R. 1/23/36. The new A.A.A. farm relief bill ought to be called the A.N.A.--Attempted Nullification Act. * * * (672129)

(5) Legalized Extortion.

ROCHESTER, N.Y., DEMOCRAT & CHRONICLE. R. 1/24/36. * * * The A.A.A. was supposed to be so firmly riveted that the government could collect millions in possibly illegal taxes without the slightest danger of being compelled to give them back. In private dealings this would be called plain extortion. * * * (672750)

(1) Bad Faith, Bad Law.

CHICAGO, ILL., DAILY NEWS. I. 1/7/36. * * * (13526*)

(2) Round Table of Business.

CHICAGO, ILL., JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 1/8/36. (By Phil S. Hanna). * * * In retrospect, the A.A.A. has done for the various farm areas what tariffs have done for nations. * * * It is too bad in some ways that A.A.A.'s other lesson, namely, that there is no middle ground between extreme regimentation and free enterprise, could not have been demonstrated as well. * * * (13527*)

(3) A.A.A. Styles for 1936.

WASHINGTON, D. C., STAR. I. 1/24/36. * * * Involved in the A.A.A. are two separate and important questions. The first is that of constitutionality. The second is that of economic wisdom. The Supreme Court has taken care of the first. The American people, it may be, will take care of the second. The underlying principle of the A.A.A., as administered by the present powers that be, has been to restrict production by the American farmers, to make them richer through producing less and obtaining higher prices for what they produce. It is the policy of scarcity. Such a policy can in the end lead only to more trouble for the farmers and for the American people generally. * * * (S.145*)

(4) The Constitution Stands.

MANCHESTER, N. H., UNION. IR. 1/7/36. * * * It is important to note that this decision in no way eliminates the necessity of dealing with the farm problem. * * * Many farmers are beginning to recognize that the A.A.A., while bringing them temporary benefits, was certain in the end to prove detrimental. * * * (13523*)

News Columns

(5) A Calm Strength.

EMPORIA, KANS., GAZETTE. R. 1/28/36. * * * The general attitude among thinking agriculturists everywhere is a quiet acceptance of the court decision on the A.A.A. and an equally quiet determination that agriculture should insist upon a legal program to secure parity of the agricultural and economical economics. * * * (S.145*)

(6) Realtors Divided Over A.A.A. Decision.

MEMPHIS, TENN., COMMERCIAL APPEAL. D. 1/8/36. * * * (13540*)

News Columns, Cont'd. A.A.A.-- AGRICULTURE GENERAL.

(1) Farm Program.

DALLAS, TEX., NEWS. ID. 1/28/36. Congress takes the right course in refusing to adopt an obviously unconstitutional substitute for the recently annulled clauses of the A.A.A. * * * (S.145*)

(2) Farm Purchasing Power Unimpaired.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., INQUIRER. I. 2/3/36. (New York, A.P.)
National City Bank claims A.A.A. decision is not harmful. * * * (13514*)

(3) Soil Conservation May Be Successor To Outlawed A.A.A.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., INQUIRER. I. 1/10/36. (By Ernest K. Lindley)
* * * (13503*)

(4) New Problems Result From A.A.A. Decision.

CHICAGO, ILL., JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 1/9/36. (By Henry D. Ralph).
Ruling regarded as marking turning point in National Affairs. * * * (13504*)

(5) 116,000 Missouri Farmers Affected by Death of A.A.A.

ST. LOUIS, MO., GLOBE DEMOCRAT. I. 1/8/36. * * * (13509*)

(6) Stocks Advance; Utilities Lead.

WASHINGTON, D. C., HERALD. I. 1/8/36. (U.S.) (By Broadan Wall)
Only shares directly related to farming sluggish after A.A.A. ruling. * * * (13525*)

(7) Deere & Company's net last year 16 times that of 1934.

NEW YORK, N. Y., WALL ST. JOURNAL. 2/3/36. Sales more than doubled-
Cash receipts 65 percent higher. * * * (S.151*)

(8) Press Comment Varied On A.A.A. End.

NEW YORK, N. Y., TIMES. ID. 1/7/36. Editorials on decision range
from relief on process tax to regret on farm aid. * * * (13545*)

(9) Wallace Impeachment Urged For Attack On A.A.A. Tax Order.

BALTIMORE, MD., SUN. ID. 1/30/36. * * * (B0040123)

(1) Kansas C. of C. Asks Congress to Pass Farm Bill.

TOPEKA, KANS., CAPITAL. I. 1/25/36. Congress is urged to enact legislation "that will give the farm industry an income comparable to that received by any other group" in a resolution adopted by the board of directors of the Kansas Chamber of Commerce. * * * (B0036061)

(2) State May Sue to Seize A.A.A. Process Taxes.

DENVER, COLO., POST. I. 1/31/36. Norris Bakke, deputy attorney general, says money belongs to Coloradans and should stay here. * * * (13532*)

(3) Junior C. of C. Told Farm Plan.

LANSING, MICH., JOURNAL. I. 1/23/36. N. P. Hull would retire huge acreage. * * * Speaking on the death of the A.A.A. at the conference of farm leaders held recently in Washington to formulate a plan to replace it, Mr. Nathan P. Hull, president of the National Milk Producers' Association, said: "If possible, I would say, keep the welfare of agriculture out of government and political channels, but I question if the time will ever come when the farmer will cooperate to solve his own problems." * * * (B0037577)

(4) Erosion Projects Better Than A.A.A., Waco Group Told.

DALLAS, TEX., NEWS. ID. 1/24/36. * * * The biggest asset the farmer has is his soil. Of far greater importance to a permanent agriculture in our State than the benefits of A.A.A. is the widespread program of soil conservation and prevention of erosion and the farmers' cooperation with that Federal program. Such a program will enable farmers to look to the future with confidence. Without stopping the awful depletion of farm fertility and even of the soil itself no governmental efforts possibly could have saved agriculture from collapse in the coming years regardless of how much money might have been paid to farmers for crop adjustments," said Victor H. Schoffelmayer, agricultural editor of the Dallas News. * * * (B0037574)

News Columns Pro

(5) Dr. Beard Sees Nullified A.A.A. Crippling U. S.

NEW YORK, N. Y., WORLD TELEGRAM. I. 1/7/36. (By Max Stern). * * * Dr. Charles A. Beard, the historian, said: * * * Is there any reason for believing that a period of full employment and prosperous agriculture lies ahead? From the facts before us there is no reason. It is inconceivable that the people of America will freeze and starve to death in the presence of unparalleled natural wealth and technical capacities. If this is so we may expect an immediate reaction that will lead to a Constitutional amendment, restoring to the U.S. government powers already in the Constitution." * * * (13536*)

(1) Farmers' Head Says Decision Hard Blow.

MEMPHIS, TENN., COMMERCIAL APPEAL. D. 1/8/36. (AP) * * * In a formal statement, Frank Porter of Columbia, president of the Tennessee Farm Bureau, said: "The A.A.A. was a principle for which farm organizations have worked for many years. It was by no means perfect but was based on sound economic principles." * * * (13543*)

(2) Kansas Farmers Declare A.A.A. End a 'Calamity'.

NEW YORK, N. Y., TIMES. ID. 1/8/36. (Topeka, Kans., AP) * * * (13546*)

(3) Farmers Want Substitute for Overthrown A.A.A.

CHICAGO, ILL., TRIBUNE. IR. 2/1/36. * * * Federal farm legislation designed to replace sections of the invalidated A.A.A. was endorsed at the closing session of the Illinois Agricultural Association. The association recommends legislation based on an extensive program of soil conservation to assist in adjusting production. * * * (S.149*)

(4) Tobacco Growers Regret Decision.

NEW YORK, N. Y., JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 1/8/36. * * * (13531*)

(5) Calls A.A.A. Decision Challenge to Farmer.

CLEVELAND, O., PLAIN DEALER. ID. 1/31/36. (AP) * * * (13617*)

(6) Oklahoma Farmers Kick.

EMPORIA, KANS., GAZETTE. R. 1/8/36. (Oklahoma City, AP) Oklahoma farmers dissatisfied with the supreme court ruling which killed the A.A.A. program were organized for protest today in southeastern Oklahoma and farm leaders hinted that similar action might be taken by other groups at agricultural meetings over the state. * * * (13507*)

(7) Yazoo Farmers Favor New Crop Control Setup.

JACKSON, MISS., NEWS. D. 1/23/36. * * * A resolution adopted requested Congress to give to the farmers new laws replacing the benefits eliminated when the A.A.A. was invalidated. * * * (B0037576)

(8) Six Agricultural Groups Back Administration's Farm Aid Plans.

LOUISVILLE, KY., COURIER JOURNAL. I. 1/18/36. (AP) * * * (13501*)

(1) Alabama Farmers Want New Laws.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., ADVERTISER. D. 1/21/36. (Auburn, Ala., Special). (By L. O. Bracken). 150,000 express desire for plan to take place of A.A.A. * * * Farmers in each county of the State have made it known that they desire new legislation to take the place of the A.A.A. * * * (B0037572)

(2) Landon Urges U.S. to Fulfill A.A.A. Facts.

NEW YORK, N. Y., HERALD TRIBUNE. I.R. 1/9/36. (Topeka, Kans., AP). * * * Landon declared "the government must find the way to fulfill its existing contractual obligations with the nation's farmers' under the A.A.A." * * * "The A.A.A. sound or unsound as it may have been in some of its long time, permanent implications, nevertheless was the only major agency operating to meet the admitted farm emergency." * * * (13502*)

(3) Doubt a Farm Uprising.

EMPORIA, KANS., GAZETTE. R. 1/8/36. (Des Moines, Iowa, AP). Iowa farm leaders discounted the suggestion that the Supreme Court's decision knocking out the A.A.A. might precipitate a midwestern farm uprising. But they united in asserting that Iowa farmers, who had more at stake in the decision than those of any other state, will make themselves loudly heard in their demands for a new farm program. * * * They pointed to the 76 per cent increase in the Iowa farm price index during the last two years, and the sharp upturn in Iowa farm income, as evidences that the present situation is one to breed considered judgment, rather than discontent. (13508*)

News Columns Con

(4) That's That.

DENVER, COLO., POST. I. 1/28/36. * * * Knocking out the processing taxes levied under the A.A.A. lifted taxes on food and clothing from every family in the nation. * * * (S.150*)

(5) Stocks and A.A.A.

WASHINGTON, D. C., HERALD. I. 1/9/36. America's most sensitive economic barometer is the stock exchange. This week many scores of securities have reached the best prices in four or five years. * * * This clearly reveals the consensus of opinion that the invalidation of the A.A.A. is not interpreted as a national calamity. * * * (13521*)

News Columns Con, Cont'd. A.A.A. - AGRICULTURE GENERAL.

(1) A.A.A. Class Legislation.

EMPORIA, KANS., GAZETTE. R. 1/8/36. (AP). C. C. Cogswell, master of the Kansas Grange, declared that an attempt to amend the Constitution to make the A.A.A. valid "would be to make class legislation constitutional." "This would be purely un-American and would open the doors to the possibility of reducing agriculture to a state of peonage or worse." * * * (13506*)

(2) Death of A.A.A. Wholesome Says Anderson.

CHICAGO, ILL., TRIBUNE. IR. 2/1/36. * * * "The decision strengthens public confidence that our general system of free enterprise is to exist." * * * "In the absence of adequate foreign markets and with full production by American Agriculture, it is reasonable to expect sooner or later a recurrence of unduly low agricultural prices, greatly reduced farm demand for products of American manufacturers and a bad reaction upon American business as a whole. The only real solution is the thoroughly constitutional one of lowering tariffs." * * * (S.149*)

(3) Not Alarmed By A.A.A. Ruling.

NEW YORK, N. Y., SUN. IR. 1/8/36. * * * John J. Watson, president of the International Agricultural Corporation, said "the shock to agriculture at the present time, if any, will not be as great as it would be later if there had been further building on the artificial basis created by the A.A.A." * * * "A real aid to farmers, with a benefit to all of our workers, could best be accomplished by some assistance given the farmers by which they could have an orderly marketing of their products and whereby they could be assisted in holding surpluses of farm products in years of abundance for the benefit of our people in years of scarcity." (13512*)

(4) Peek Attacks New Farm Bill As Propaganda.

WASHINGTON, D. C., HERALD. I. 2/2/36. * * * Attacking the New Deal farm program as "political" George N. Peek, former A.A.A. administrator and foreign trade adviser to the President, declared "The suspicion arises that one purpose is to influence the coming election by keeping a horde of Federal political rangers and propagandists in the States." * * * (S. 149*)

(5) Jobless Army Blamed On A.A.A.

WASHINGTON, D. C., HERALD. I. 2/5/36. (New York, U.S.). * * * Charles W. Burkett * * * charged the A.A.A. with these results: One--three million persons thrown out of work * * * Housewives pay higher prices for food * * * Farmers lost large portions of both domestic and foreign markets * * * (S.156*)

Editorial Pro

(1) Who Will Answer?

JEFFERSON, MO., NEWS. D. 1/21/36. We note where the Barry County Corn and Hog Control association has wired President Roosevelt that they are 100 per cent for his agricultural program. A prominent Republican farmer and member of the resolution committee, thus expressed himself to the convention: "If the processing tax is unconstitutional, so is industries tariff. In 1932 and 1933, I sold hogs for three cents a pound, but this year I sold them for ten cents a pound. * * *. If it is unconstitutional to protect agriculture, industry has violated the constitution for the past 100 years." * * * (671283)

News Columns

(2) Process Taxes Packers' Boon, Woods Asserts.

WASHINGTON, D. C., POST. I. 2/3/36. * * * (13515*)

(3) Big Four Packers Earnings Higher for Two Months.

NEW YORK, N. Y., WALL ST. JOURNAL. 1/9/36. January prospects brightened by elimination of processing tax on hogs. * * * (13520*)

(4) Packers to profit from A.A.A. decision.

NEW YORK, N. Y., JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 1/7/36. * * * (13544*)

(5) Why Did Tax Death Cause Hogs To Rise?

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., PRESS. I. 1/29/36. * * * The evidence clearly indicates that the farmer had been paying the processing tax; otherwise the price to the consumer would have dropped 65 cents instead of hog prices rising. * * * (S.151*)

(6) Farm Parleys Gloomy After Death of A.A.A.

ST. PAUL, MINN., PIONEER PRESS. I. 1/7/36. Comments reveal fear 3-cent hogs and 30-cent wheat may return. Cities will share ill effects, leaders say. * * * (13522*)

(7) Round Table of Business.

CHICAGO, ILL., JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 1/21/36. (By Phil S. Hanna). * * * From the action of pork prices following the A.A.A. decision it would appear that the farmers were paying the bill; from the action of other commodities, principally wheat, it would seem that the consumer was paying the bill. * * * (13498*)

COTTON

Editorial Pro

(1) Missing Government Help.

MACON, GA., TELEGRAPH. D. 1/18/36. Some of the farmers attending the Crop Production Loan Corporation meeting in Macon were made to realize that this year's crop must be made without Government aid. "We have had two of the finest years in our history," said one of them, "and those of us who were four or five years behind with our taxes paid out of debt, and found ourselves again prepared to farm, but it was the first time in our lives that we have had any help from any source, and we are sure to miss it." * * * "What will become of us if we plant heavily and find cotton down to seven cents next Fall?" * * * (671284)

News Columns

(2) Federal Plan To Sell Cotton Disturbs Trade.

NEW YORK, N. Y., HERALD TRIBUNE. IR. 2/5/36. * * * (S.156*)

(3) Cotton Hamstrung By Control Uncertainty.

MEMPHIS, TENN., COMMERCIAL APPEAL. D. 2/2/36. (By George Williamson). * * * (13548*)

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(4) Textile Institute To Back Sales Tax For Farm Program.

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(6) Cotton Climbs 10 to 35 Points on Soil Plan.

NEW YORK, N. Y., HERALD TRIBUNE. IR. 1/27/36. * * * (B0036053)

(7) 4 to 23-Point Gains Made By Cotton.

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(1) The Dairymen Complain.

BALTIMORE, MD., SUN. ID. 1/27/36. * * * Here we have another example of the vicious circle of crop curtailment. Control of the production of one crop must lead, step by step, to control of other crops, for so long as the farmers are left free to use their idle or "retired" acreage in raising other products the increased output of such commodities will inevitably result in the development of new surpluses which in their turn must be curtailed. * * * (671817)

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(2) Requests Federal Aid For Dairying.

LA CROSSE, WIS., TRIBUNE. I. 1/20/36. * * * (B0036067)

(3) A.A.A. Death Worries N.E. Dairy Leaders.

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(4) No More Painted Oranges.

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., TIMES STAR. I. 1/27/36. The U. S. Department of Agriculture, which has had so much unpleasant publicity of late, should be commended for one of its recent decisions. * * * (673552)

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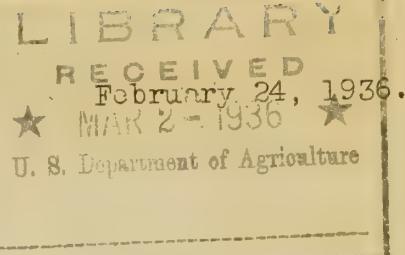
(5) State Demands Cheaper Flour In A.A.A. Upset.

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(1) Five and Five-50-50

HARRISBURG, PA., TELEGRAPH. R. 2/10/36. In advance of the A.A.A. decision, proponents declared farm prices would fall flat under an adverse ruling. Opponents predicted an advance in prices would follow its defeat. A month has passed without the A.A.A. Prices of ten commodities, including those which bore A.A.A. processing taxes, show this result: Five advanced. Five declined. This gives each side a 50-50 victory, an ideal solution. (13623*)

(2) What Business Thinks.

BISMARCK, N. DAK., TRIBUNE. R. 2/11/36. * * * An observation by the National City bank of New York in its financial letter for February may be of interest. This great financial institution, commenting on the business picture, says: "Commodity prices, with few exceptions, have been firm, including the farm products which in the long run might be affected if the supreme court decision invalidating A.A.A. should lead to increased production." Sagely enough but a warning to the farmers and to all business dependent upon agriculture for prosperity. (13649*)

(3) S. O. S. - Save our Soil.

OLYMPIA, WASH., OLYMPIAN. R. 2/2/36. The administration's efforts to formulate an effective substitute for the A.A.A. have already been productive--interest has been focused on the importance of soil conservation to sound farming. One hundred million acres of cultivated farm land have been destroyed in the U.S. by man-induced erosion. * * * This is equivalent to 625,000 farms of 160 acres each, an area almost equal to that of Ohio, Illinois, Maryland and North Carolina combined. * * * Whatever form of farm program is worked out in Washington, it could do no better than provide for soil conservation. Surely no farming can be sound without it. (13609*)

(4) Urges Soil Conservation.

NEW YORK, N. Y., HERALD TRIBUNE. IR. 2/7/36. * * * (B0048304)

(5) Lower Food Prices After the A.A.A.'s Fall.

WASHINGTON, D. C., U. S. NEWS. 2/3/36. * * * (13615*)

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(1) Why Not Equality for Farmers?

PORTLAND, OREG., JOURNAL. I. 2/5/36. * * * The increased buying power of the farmer under the Roosevelt administration has provided an exceedingly favorable trade output. * * * (13595*)

(2) The New Start.

WICHITA, KANS., EAGLE. I. 2/5/36. * * * The agriculture problem in the marketing of national surpluses is essentially a national problem, not a state problem. The A.A.A. approach was a national approach and was working. * * * (13570*)

(3) The Demand of Texas Agriculture.

HOUSTON, TEX., CHRONICLE. I. 2/3/36. * * * Texas farmers, joined by their millions of urban friends, are determined that there shall be effective substitute legislation for the A.A.A. * * * (13614*)

(4) A Constitutional Alternative.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., ADVERTISER. D. 2/5/36. * * * Certainly if our farmers can remember they have been paying a tax of 25 per cent on every manufactured article they buy, they will not be disposed to sympathize with those who complain of any comparatively negligible tax that may be levied for the benefit of agriculture. If the mourners are successful in their efforts to take every benefit and give agriculture none, The Advertiser hopes that the day will not be far off when farmers will resort to lowering the tariff as a means of aiding their situation. The constitutionality of that method cannot be questioned. (13608*)

(5) End of an Era.

NORFOLK, VA., VIRGINIAN-PILOT. ID. 2/5/36. * * * It is late to shed tears or to raise hosannas. Nevertheless, the moment is opportune to note one historic fact. The administration itself is moving heaven and earth to produce a substitute program which will promise at least some of the effectiveness of the dead one. * * * In an important sense, this whole category of programs is a tribute to the dead and departed program. * * * For all the farm saviors know, although all may not admit it, that the long succession of farm plans since 1919 made no real impression on the farm problem until the A.A.A. was born. * * * (13612*)

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Editorials Con

(1) A Steal.

TULSA, OKLA., TRIBUNE. ID. 2/3/36. * * * The A.A.A. processing taxes were the most damaging taxes, in their effect upon agriculture, that could have been enacted. * * * It was not the Supreme Court, as Secretary Wallace charges, that made this "legalized steal" possible but it was Wallace himself and the New Dealers who supported the A.A.A. * * * He should be impeached. (677138)

(2) Attacks Soil Bill.

ALBANY, N. Y., KNICKERBOCKER PRESS. IR. 2/6/36. * * * (13565*)

(3) Dictator Seen in Farm Bill.

NEWARK, N. J., NEWS. I. 2/7/36. (By Walter Karig.) Measure would make Wallace mightier than President. * * * (13598*)

(4) A.A.A. Decision, a Blessing in Disguise.

DES MOINES, IOWA, REGISTER. IR. 2/7/36. (By Walter Lippmann) * * * (13559*)

(5) Insulting Farmers' Intelligence.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., STAR. IR. 2/13/36. * * * Business began to recover in a normal way as soon as the court removed the hampering restriction of the administration experimenters. (13596*)

(6) Hiding the Cost.

NEW YORK, N. Y., SUN. IR. 2/13/36. * * * (13626*)

(7) Retreating from Moscow.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF., TIMES. IR. 2/5/36. * * * The need is for an American farm plan, suited to American farmers; and not one with Russian Whiskers all over it. (13575*)

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(1) New Farm Bill.

PROVIDENCE, R.I., JOURNAL. I. 2/8/36. * * * The new farm aid bill says as flatly and categorically as the discarded A.A.A. law that, if the farmer does not follow the Washington expert's blue print for his land, he cannot expect to get free money from the public treasury. If this is not Federal coercion of the identical kind which the Supreme Court says cannot be practiced against the farmers by the National Government what then is it? * * * (13567*)

(2) The Blank Check Farm Bill.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., INQUIRER. I. 2/11/36. * * * The new farm bill is a delusion and a piece of legislative deceit. It should not be passed. (13638*)

(3) Repealing Farm Acts.

DAYTON, O., HERALD. IR. 2/4/36. * * * Although in the regimentation and control of crops the cotton and tobacco acts were not as drastic as the potato act, their underlying principles were the same. * * * (13607*)

(4) 'Conserving the Soil'.

DETROIT, MICH., NEWS. I. 2/11/36. Posting the word conservation at the head of the Administration's A.A.A. substitute bill deceives no one. The farmers who presumably were consulted in preparing the measure, must have smiled at the deceit. * * * (13637*)

(5) The Mule Was Right.

CHICAGO, ILL., TRIBUNE. IR. 2/12/36. * * * Thus A.A.A. which was supposed to increase farm incomes had actually reduced them by 500 million dollars. * * * (13639*)

(6) Not Ignorant; Simply Honest.

DETROIT, MICH., FREE PRESS. IR. 2/8/36. * * * And, as for Mr. Wallace * * * his A.A.A. has been the biggest flop in the way of a farm program the United States has suffered from. * * * (13613*)

(1) What Taxpayers Get They Get In The Neck.

BROWNSVILLE, TEX., HERALD. ID. 2/3/36. * * * Is there a new farm bill to be devised? Then fix one that has no brake at all on the up-take, so that farmer, distributor, and processor can all get theirs. The house-wife at the grocery store will foot the bill cheerfully--or, at any rate, silently, which is all that counts. Must the processing taxes of the old A.A.A. be refunded? Go ahead and refund them, and never mind if the people to whom you refund them managed to pass them right on to the consumer at the time they were collected. The consumer isn't organized; he supports neither leagues nor lobbies. Besides, who ever heard of giving a sucker an even break? * * * (13611*)

(2) A.A.A. Substitute Possibility.

DETROIT, MICH., NEWS. I. 2/7/36. Just in time the reappearance of the 17-year locust is announced. What an opportunity this ornery insect offers a perplexed Administration searching for substitutes for the A.A.A.! * * * (13592*)

News Columns

(3) Farm Products Higher Despite Death of A.A.A.

NEW YORK, N. Y., HERALD, TRIBUNE. I.R. 2/9/36. * * * (13591*)

(4) The New A.A.A. and Taxes.

ST. LOUIS, MO., GLOBE-DEMOCRAT. I. 2/5/36. * * * It is to be noted, however, that the experiment now contemplated promises to be quite as costly as the A.A.A. and its auxiliaries. * * * (13606*)

(5) Erosion Work Aided by Wire and Sod Dams.

DALLAS, TEX., NEWS. ID. 2/4/36. (By Victor H. Schoffelmayer) * * * (B0048305)

(6) Trade Debenture Farm Aid Urged.

WASHINGTON, D. C., STAR. I. 2/13/36. (A. P.) *** (13644*)

(7) Soil Program Undergoes Test.

NEW YORK, N. Y., WORLD-TELEGRAM. I. 2/8/36. (By John Moutoux) (Knoxville, Tenn.) Conservation plan like that of A.A.A. being tried in Tennessee Valley. * * * (13581*)

(1) Ward's Earnings Estimate Lowered.

NEW YORK, N. Y., WALL ST. JOURNAL. 2/13/36. Expected below \$2.50 a share -- January sales gain slowed by cold and A.A.A. ruling. * * * (13556*)

(2) Cost For Year of New A.A.A. Limited to \$500,000,000.

BALTIMORE, MD., SUN. ID. 2/12/36. (By C. P. Trussell) * * * (13554*)

(3) Urges Science Seek New Uses for Farm Products.

KNOXVILLE, TENN., NEW SENTINEL. I. 2/5/36. W. M. Fulton, the Knoxville man, whose mind gave to American industry nearly 100 useful inventions today threw off a spark which might help to lead the nation out of its economic difficulties. "I do not claim originality for the suggestion, but I believe if followed out, our agricultural problem would disappear, and our 10,000,000 jobless would have more work than they could do." * * * "Such utilization of farm products would create the demand that would mean unparalleled prosperity for farmers," he said. * * * (13622*)

(4) Industrial Chemistry - "The Farm's New Day."

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., EXPRESS. ID. 2/3/36. * * * Altogether, the chemists have devised about a thousand different ways in which cotton can be utilized industrially. They have derived fully as many and as valuable by-products from corn-- * * * In fact, more than a tenth of the corn crop is being absorbed by industries. Wheat straw is being made into corrugated board boxes and oat hulls into furfural, which yields industrial acid. * * * (677208)

(5) Upside-Down Roots Better for Grafting.

WASHINGTON, D.C., NEWS. I. 2/8/36. (By Science Service) (St. Louis)
* * * (13560*)

(6) Free Seed Joke Won't Be Killed.

TOPEKA, KANS., CAPITAL. R. 2/4/36. * * * (677207)

News Columns Pro

(1) Spirit of A.A.A. Survives as Acres Remain Idle.

TOPEKA, KANS., CAPITAL. R. 2/6/36. (A.P.) * * * E. G. Thiem, spokesman for the Illinois Agricultural Association, said farmers "learned a lot during the two years of the A.A.A. about the value of keeping production under control." * * * (13620*)

(2) Benefits Cited Under A.A.A.

NORFOLK, VA., VIRGINIAN-PILOT. ID. 2/5/36. * * * (13618*)

(3) Farm Aid Called New Deal's Goal.

NEW YORK, N. Y., POST. IR. 2/7/36. The A.A.A. decision won't halt the New Deal's efforts to improve the purchasing power of the farmers. * * * (13619*)

(4) Farmers, Labor, American Hope.

NEW YORK, N. Y., WORLD-TELEGRAM. I. 2/7/36. (By Dr. Harry Elmer Barnes) * * * Therefore, we must depend primarily upon farmers and workers in any hope for definite economic advances in this country. The farmers are sufficiently enraged by the Supreme Court Decision on the A.A.A. so that they are likely to get out and get under any promising program of economic adjustment. Indeed, the Grange has already offered a plan of its own, more far-reaching than the A.A.A. * * * (13616*)

(5) All Nebraska Should Pull For The Farmer.

OMAHA, NEBR., WORLD HERALD. I. 2/8/36. Elk City, Neb., Jan. 30.-- To the Editor of the World-Herald: Every man in the State of Nebraska, regardless of his political affiliation or his opinion of other branches of the new deal, should throw his support to the farmers in the formation of some legal substitute for the A.A.A. * * * (13574*)

(6) A.A.A. Ruling Criticized by G.W.U. Professor.

WASHINGTON, D. C., STAR. I. 2/9/36. * * * After analyzing and evaluating the majority decision, Prof. Collier of the George Washington University came to the conclusion in an article in the institution's Law Review that the opinion is "a genuine logical disaster." * * * (13588*)

(7) Norris Assails Supreme Court in Farm Appeal.

NEW YORK, N.Y., HERALD TRIBUNE. IR. 2/13/36 (By Joseph Alsop Jr.) * * * (13635*)

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(1) Robinson Raps Supreme Court Decision on A.A.A.
BALTIMORE, MD., SUN. ID. 2/15/36. (By Dewey L. Fleming) *** (13634*)

(2) The Human Issues.

DES MOINES, IOWA, REGISTER. IR. 2/9/36. To the Open Forum Editor: The recent supreme court decision on the Triple-A is an interesting document. One wonders just what became of the human issues involved, such as the prosperity of agriculture and the public goods in general. It reminds me of a remark by a noted surgeon who said: "The patient died, but we performed a beautiful operation." * * * (13633*)

News Columns Con

(3) Farmer's Wife Sees New U. S. Slavery Ahead.
CHICAGO, ILL., TRIBUNE. IR. 2/13/36. (New York, Feb. 12 - A.P.) * * * Mrs. Simmons declared farmers "need only lower taxes and lower interest rates from private lenders and to be let alone, unhindered, to run our farms as we know best." * * * (13594*)

(4) End of A.A.A. Does Not Spell Disaster.

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y., GAZETTE. IR. 2/5/36. * * * With scarcity at home, the farmer has lost his foreign market and is losing an important part of his home market. Evidently what he needs is not more planned restriction, but some additional effort to get back the one he has lost abroad. (13584*)

(5) Hits 'Politically-Minded' Farmers.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., EAGLE. I. 2/9/36. Editor Brooklyn Daily Eagle: * * * If the farm problem should be brought out into the light and held up to the people in its true aspects we would have no more farm subsidy bills and we would leave the farmer to his own rugged individualism, which up to 1919 when the Government began to meddle always carried him through with increasing success. And if this were the case we would be exporting food-stuffs instead of importing them. Ex-Farmer. (13585*)

(6) Relieved All Right.

OMAHA, NEBRASKA, WORLD HERALD. I. 2/11/36. Omaha, Feb. 3. --To the Editor * * * We farmers who did not sign to reduce and let a few ignoramuses run our business, know that they stole from us and gave it to the ones who did sign up and to the government parasites on payroll. * * * Leave us farmers alone. * * * (13597*)

(1) The A.A.A.; An Epitaph.

NEW YORK, N. Y., HERALD TRIBUNE. IR. 2/9/36. (Extracts from an article by James E. Boyle, reprinted from the Atlantic Monthly for February, 1936.) * * * The first result of the program of artificial scarcity is an unbalanced agriculture. * * * A second effect of the A.A.A. program is to unbalance agriculture as between regions. * * * A third effect of the A.A.A. program of scarcity is an unbalancing of international agriculture. * * * A fourth unbalancing effect of the A.A.A. scarcity program is the tragic increase of unemployment. * * * (13589*)

BEET SUGAR

News Columns

(2) Beet Chiefs Fear Sugar Act Repeal in A.A.A. Shifts.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH., TRIBUNE. I. 2/6/36. Present law satisfactory to Industry. * * * (13572*)

(3) Sidney Plant Makes 573,900 Sacks Sugar.

GREAT FALLS, MONT., TRIBUNE. D. 2/10/36. (Special) * * * (13643*)

CORN -- HOG -- PACKERS

Editorial

(4) More Hogs in Prospect.

GREENVILLE, S. C., NEWS. ID. 2/7/36. * * * Hog slaughter last year was the lowest in 39 years. * * * As a result the 1935 pig crop was 31 percent larger than that of the year before and the number of sows to farrow this spring is 24 per cent higher. * * * In spite of larger numbers of hogs already on the way a tremendous demand for additional breeding stock is reported. And it will not be a difficult matter for this tendency to eventuate in a new problem if it is permitted to run unchecked. (13568*)

Editorial Pro

(5) Ruined!

CHARLESTON, W. VA., GAZETTE. ID. 2/14/36. * * * We recently printed a series of figures proving that the very big business men who have been loudest in their denunciation of the president have been those to profit the most by the recovery the president has made possible. And there are others. To-wit: CORN. From March 1, 1930, to March 1, 1933, the price of corn dropped from 88.40 cents per bushel to 24.12 cents per bushel. This represented a decline of 73 percent. When the New Deal started ruining the country the price of corn began to improve. By January 1, 1936, the farmer had been ruined to such an extent that he was receiving 60.87 cents per bushel for corn. This represented an advance, under wicked and ruinous New Deal policies, of 152 percent. (13646*)

CORN - HOG - PACKERS

News Columns

(1) Nation's Hog Population Drops 34 Percent in 5 Years
RUTLAND, VT., HERALD. IR. 2/13/36. * * * (13625*)

(2) 42,878 Fewer Hogs Sell for \$2,323,640 More Money.
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, GAZETTE. I. 2/4/36. * * * Opponents of adjustment programs here argue that the increased income to hog producers was due to discontinuance of the processing tax on Jan. 6. Proponents, on the other hand, argue that the increased income was due mainly to reduction of numbers effected by the Triple A. * * * (13557*)

(3) Cincinnati Stock Yards Net Reduced by A.A.A. Hog Program.
NEW YORK, N.Y., WALL ST. JOURNAL. 2/13/36. * * * Hog receipts were lowest since 1893. * * * (13555*)

(4) Meat Imports Rise Sharply During 1935.
CHICAGO, ILL., TRIBUNE. IR. 2/11/36. * * * (13558*)

(5) New Corn Ends Raids of Borer.
SIOUX CITY, IOWA, TRIBUNE. I. 2/7/36. (East Lansing, Mich. -U.P.)
* * * (13631*)

(6) Corn Reflects Large Farm Use as Stock Food.
ST. PAUL, MINN., PIONEER PRESS. I. 2/10/36. (Chicago, Feb. 8-A.P.)
* * * (13632*)

COTTON

Editorial

(7) Cotton and Your Uncle Sam.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., JOURNAL. IR. 2/4/36. Your Uncle Sam has a bear by the tail in the cotton field and does not know whether to hang on or let go and run. * * * It is agreed on all sides that means must be found for relieving the cotton users from the uncertainty of so great a quantity of raw material hanging over the market. (13603*)

(1) May Be Up to Farmers.

MACON, GA., TELEGRAPH. D. 2/5/36. * * * To whatever extent the farmers themselves may have been opposed to government regimentation, it may finally be up to them to show that they can exercise voluntary self-restraint. * * * Are the farmers of Georgia, in the light of past experience, capable of limiting their acreage to an extent which will keep the price of cotton above the cost of production? It would have been folly to ask such a question four years ago. * * * These farmers have seen that whatever else might be said of A.A.A., it apparently has been an important factor in raising the price of cotton. * * * (13604*)

Editorial Pro

(2) Releasing the Controls.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., NEWS. ID. 2/4/36. * * * The cotton and tobacco acts helped the Southern growers. * * * The administration's agricultural program has rehabilitated the American farmer and has placed him again on a sound footing. * * * We cannot prosper in this country if our farmers are bankrupt. (13605*)

(3) Cotton Control.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., DEMOCRAT. D. 2/4/36. * * * With no form of control other than voluntary agreement between cotton growers, what will the 1936 crop bring us? * * * (13569*)

(4) The Bankhead Cotton Act.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., ADVERTISER. D. 2/6/36 * * * The Bankhead act worked imperfectly, but it was a decisive factor in doubling the price of our cotton and so restoring the buying power of the cotton farmer. * * * (13586*)

(5) Cotton Exports Lower.

ASHEVILLE, N.C., CITIZEN. ID. 2/5/36. The Texas Weekly calls attention to the interesting fact that cotton exports have tended to slump rather than rise since the decision of the Supreme Court outlawing the A.A.A. * * * The one thing that is certain is that the passing of the A.A.A. has not been followed by an immediate rise in exports. * * * Yet there have been those who claimed that the A.A.A. was the chief drag on our foreign cotton trade. (13566*)

Editorial Con

(6) Holding the Cotton Bag.

HOLYOKE, MASS., TRANSCRIPT. IR. 2/5/36. * * * (13601*)

(1) Cotton Surpluses.

HARTFORD, CONN., TIMES. ID. 2/5/36. * * * One fact is becoming increasingly clear -- price stimulation by Government action has not proven satisfactory either in the form of production control or by way of Federal taking over of surpluses. * * * (13590*)

(2) As Free As Air.

NORFOLK, VA., VIRGINIAN-PILOT. ID. 2/6/36. * * * It is true that the world market may say to him: "You have doubled the size of your crops and so we must reduce our payments to you by half." But what is a foreign thing like the world market to a free and independent American citizen? One gallus may make him look a little one-sided, but it will continue to hold up his britches. (13579*)

News Columns

(3) Local Cotton Trade Says Extend Loans.

MEMPHIS, TENN., COMMERCIAL APPEAL. D. 2/4/36. * * * (13621*)

(4) Farm Bill Delay Curbs Trading in Cotton Here.

NEW YORK, N. Y., HERALD TRIBUNE. IR. 2/8/36. * * * (13617*)

(5) Introduce New Valley Cotton Planting Plan.

EL PASO, TEX., HERALD-POST. I. 2/10/36. "Nude Seed" produces more and better crop at lower cost. * * * (13648*)

(6) Terror Stalks Cotton Belt Again as Planters Fight Tenant Union.

NEW YORK, N. Y., POST. IR. 2/10/36. (Howard Kester) * * * (B51251)

(7) Farm Men Hear Two Theories.

JACKSON, MISS., CLARION LEDGER. D. 2/6/36. Conflicting views on Cotton Production placed before Group. Mississippi praises A.A.A., insists Federal Plan highly necessary. * * * (13576*)

(8) Cotton Picking Robot Perils Dixie Labor.

NEW YORK, N. Y., POST. IR. 2/14/36. (Howard Kester) * * * (13645*)

News Columns Pro

COTTON

(1) Quotas on Cotton Sought in Congress.
MEMPHIS, TENN., COMMERCIAL APPEAL. I. (New York, A. P.) * * * (13636*)

News Columns Con

(2) Tax Threat Makes Cotton Cloth Outlook Uncertain.
NEW YORK, N. Y., JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 2/10/36. * * * (13580*)

DAIRY

Editorial

(3) Protect the Dairy States.
MILWAUKEE, WIS., JOURNAL. I. 2/8/36. Farmers of the dairy states are apprehensive lest the soil conservation program, as embodied in the new farm bills, should work toward an overproduction of milk. * * * (13571*)

News Columns

(4) Milk furnishes Quarter Income from W. Va. Farms.
FAIRMONT, W. VA., WEST VIRGINIAN. 2/11/36. * * * (13642*)

(5) Dairy Farm Incomes Rise.
NEW YORK, N. Y., TIMES. ID. 2/11/36. (Special, Albany, 2/10) Dairy farmers in this State, according to the State Department of Agriculture, earned \$8,084,000 more last year than in 1934. * * * (13627*)

(6) Margarine Output Increased in 1935.
NEW YORK, N. Y., JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 2/7/36. * * * (B0049082)

GRAIN

News Columns

(7) The Wheat Surplus.
WICHITA, KANS., EAGLE. I. 2/10/36. * * * (13647*)

News Columns, Cont'd.

GRAIN

(1) Large Portion of Montana's Wheat Sold by Farmers.
HELENA, MONT., INDEPENDENT. ID. 2/3/36. * * * (13600*)

News Columns Con

(2) 'Country Has Gone Regulation Mad,' Conaway Asserts.
BISMARCK, N. DAK., TRIBUNE. R. 2/4/36. Grain chief believes Agriculture will be stimulated by Court Act. * * * (13583*)

News Columns

LIVESTOCK

(3) Cattle Kill in January Reported Heaviest Since 1919.
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA., GAZETTE. I. 2/12/36. * * * (13628*)

(4) Lamb and Wool Markets Promise to Continue Strong This Year.
ROANOKE, VA., TIMES. D. 2/12/36. (K. E. Litton) * * * (13641*)

(5) Farm Livestock Value Rises 50% in Year.
WASHINGTON, D. C., POST. I. 2/15/36. (A.P.) * * * (13593*)

PEANUTS

Editorials

(6) The "Humble" Peanut.
TULSA, OKLA., WORLD. D. 2/4/36. * * * Yet this Texas press agent tells us the commercial growth of peanuts in that state was, last year, 134,500,000 pounds, and that the cash value was over four million dollars. The hay was also a valuable part of the crop. * * * The Texas story suggests that peanut raising is one way out of the cotton situation. * * * The nut has many uses, and the department of commerce says that candy and confectionery makers alone use 300,000,000 pounds a year. * * * (13573*)

(1) Farmers Urged to Plant Spanish Peanuts.

JACKSON, MISS., CLARION LEDGER. D. 2/6/36. * * * Says Mr. Stigler in his statement: * * * "It is not our idea that the farmers attempt to replace their cotton crops with Spanish peanuts but to supplement them. This will give them an additional cash revenue from their farm operations. Peanuts not only produce cash revenue but they furnish an excellent hay and further, they are a soil building crop." * * * (13577*)

POTATOES

Editorials Con

(2) Potato Act Repealed.

ALTOONA, PA., MIRROR. I. 2/6/36. Potato growers can arrange to do their planting in the spring as usual without fear that G-men will appear at harvest time to take them into custody. * * * So far as the potato act is concerned, it never could have been enforced in view of the universal opposition to it from its enactment. (13602*)

(3) No Soil Conservation Needed.

DETROIT, MICH., NEWS. I. 2/8/36. * * * And what is shown of progress? The average yield of potatoes in this country from 1876 to 1885 was 81.2 bushels. There has been uniform improvement, but for the last 75 years the average production has not exceeded 102 bushels an acre. Those farmers who now are raising from 300 to 450 bushels to the acre are proving that they have not "mined out" their soil fertility. (13629*)

(4) The Tenacious Potato Act.

BUTTE, MONT., STANDARD. D. 2/4/36. * * * The tenacity with which this piece of legislation -- drafted in haste and repented at length -- clings to life moves the New York Herald-Tribune to liken it to a "dropped cat," the status of which it explains as follows in its editorial columns: * * * (13561*)

(5) Alas, Poor Spud!

BANGOR, ME., NEWS. I. 2/6/36. * * * But the Court damned the A.A.A. and the sins of the father were inherited by the children -- little Peter Potato included. (13578*)

News Column Pro

POTATOES

(1) Congressman Martin Deplores Fall of A.A.A. and Potato Act.
DENVER, COLO., POST, I. 2/6/36. (Washington, Feb. 6--A.P.) * * * Representative John A. Martin (Dem.) of Pueblo, Colo., told the house he had "personal knowledge that the potato growers of Colorado were unanimously behind the Warren potato bill." "They were almost unanimously and regardless of politics, behind the entire triple A program," he said, "and there is no rejoicing in the hearts of farmers of Colorado today. There is nothing but bitterness when they see struck down the first real efforts ever made by this government to help them." * * * (13630*)

TOBACCO

News Columns Pro

(2) Favor Tobacco Control.

BALTIMORE, MD., SUN. ID. 2/10/36. (Danville, Va., Feb. 9) Meetings of farmers in Danville area vote for "New A.A.A." * * * At Whotmell sixty-seven farmers out of seventy-three voted in favor of some control plan. (13582*)

(3) Carolina Tobacco Growers Seeking a New A.A.A.

New York, N. Y., WALL ST. JOURNAL. 2/15/36. * * * (13624*)

News Column Con

(4) Billion Gain Predicted in Cigar Consumption.

NEW YORK, N. Y., TIMES. ID. 2/9/36. * * * The removal of the processing taxes by the Supreme Court's adverse ruling on A.A.A., according to John H. Duys, president of the Associated Cigar Manufacturers and Leaf Tobacco Dealers, Inc., has been a considerable spur to cigar sales. * * * (13587*)
